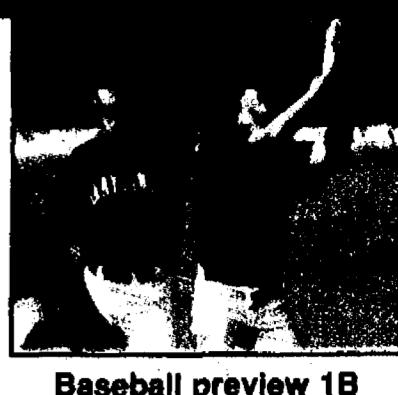




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## Teen requests different judge for sentencing

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

A 19-year Grayling woman who pled guilty in January for delivery of a controlled substance and breaking and entering, has requested a new judge for the sentencing phase of her case.

Stephanie Sue Mitchell was to be sentenced April 10 by 46th Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy, but once the judge informed her that a victim in the case was employed by the court, he offered to step aside and allow a judge from outside of the circuit to handle the sentencing, as a matter of adhering to rules of ethics and procedure. After consulting with her attorney, Mitchell agreed to the change.

Mitchell's charges stem from an incident last October when after breaking into two homes, she and some friends partied in a room at a local motel. Mitchell had made a trade earlier with a local man involving a stolen television and \$50 for a Fentanyl patch -- a powerful painkiller.

Once Mitchell found she did not like the effects of the patch after wearing it for a short time, she offered it to 24-year old Shea Simpson, who opened the patch, ate the contents and later died of an apparent overdose.

Mitchell faces up to seven years in prison or a \$10,000 fine on the drug charge and 10 years in prison on the felony breaking and entering charge.

Under the plea agreement, if she is sentenced to more than 12 months in the county jail, Continued on Page 3A

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## Fire officials warn of extreme danger

► Fire fighters are on high alert as incidents of fire on the increase

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

In past few days, local fire fighters have handled a rash of wildfires they feel could have been prevented.

Two fires in Grayling Township on Saturday, April 12 were actually burning under a permit from the Department of Natural Resources. The only problem with the fires was that they were left unattended and could have caused a major disaster had they gotten out of control. No further burn permits have been issued since Saturday at 6 p.m.

Fortunately, a concerned citizen spotted the smoke and embers of stumps being burned near M-72 West and M-93. Grayling and DNR fire fighters



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

**Andrea Nygard and Shirley Vanderveer spent a few days last week, along with members of the Grayling Promotional Association and other members of the community, dressing up Grayling with about 200 yellow ribbons, symbolizing support for our troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the promise of a warm welcome when they get home.**



Photo courtesy of Crawford County Sheriff's Office

**These burning embers were left unattended by the holder of a DNR burn permit. Fire fighters were called last Saturday evening to extinguish several piles of smoldering stumps in the M-72/M-93 area to avoid a large wildfire situation. The permit holder will most likely face hefty fines.**

smoking material tossed from a car window. "Cigarettes are not a major cause of these types of fires, but the conditions were right -- with the hot sun and warm winds blowing -- to really help this fire grow quickly," he said.

The DNR and local fire departments urge everyone to

be careful with fire and anything that could spark a fire during this time of year.

"We don't want a repeat of 1990," said Grayling Fire Department Safety Officer Travis Roberts.

A new bulletin with instructions on how to keep your home and family safe from wildfire

will be available soon at the Michigan State University Extension office. The office is located in the basement of the Crawford County Building or call 344-3264. Ask for bulletin #E2831.

Other information on preventing wildfires is available through local fire departments.

## Grayling Fire Chief hospitalized

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Longtime Grayling Fire Chief Duane Brooks was taken by ambulance to Grayling Mercy Hospital early Monday evening, April 14, after he radioed for help while suffering a heart attack.

Chief Brooks had just arrived at the Beaver Creek Fire Hall to assist his own personnel, and that of Beaver Creek and the DNR, in a battle with a grass fire along US-127.

Proving his dedication to the job by never being too far away from a radio, Chief Brooks could be heard on the police scanner intercepting the conversation of two fire fighters asking about his condition and looking for an update on Tuesday afternoon. Chief Brooks seemed to be in good spirits and responded that he was on his way to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City for more extensive cardiac treatment.

The whole community wishes Chief Brooks a speedy recovery.

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## "Letters from Home"

The Crawford County Avalanche invites the parents and loved ones of active duty U.S. military members -- serving stateside or overseas, in any branch of the military -- to submit the mailing addresses of those service members for publication in upcoming editions of our newspaper.

At the suggestion of one of our readers, a listing of such addresses will be published each week, allowing our readers to "adopt" a soldier, sailor, or airman by writing them "Letters from Home."

The Letters from Home campaign is our way of saying "Thank You" to the men and women serving our nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom. We strongly encourage participation to allow each of our local service members to receive words of encouragement and news from the home front.

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## City, county to split grant match for study

► Possible land deal between the two to be decided after the study

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

At a special meeting last Wednesday, the Grayling City Council approved spending up to \$12,500 to help cover the cost of matching funds for a \$50,000 planning grant through the Michigan Economic Development Committee (MEDC).

Wednesday night's special meeting was the result of a request from the Crawford County Building Exploratory Committee (BEC). The meeting was devoted to discussion of the planning grant and the county's plan to possibly vacate its premises and sell the land to a local developer and relocate the courthouse and jail elsewhere.

Local businessman Bill Gannon, who purchased the land adjacent to the county building (the Bear Archery property on M-72 West), has offered to buy the county land. Gannon is currently working on Phase I of his development -- the Bear Archery property -- which includes construction of a restaurant, an assisted living facility for seniors, and a pizzeria, he said. Phase II, which can only happen if the county vacates its site and sells Gannon the land, involves extension of Michigan Avenue to M-72 West through the development area, he said.

As a result of Gannon's proposal, the county is now looking for a "cost-neutral" way to relocate its facility, said Paul Compo, County Controller and chairman of the BEC. The county is looking into several grants -- including block grants from the MEDC that pay \$25,000 for each new job created -- and narrowing its search for a potential new site for its facility.

Also, if the courthouse is sold, the county's Brownfield Authority will likely be involved in the redevelopment of the land. (A Brownfield Authority can be used to help relocate public

buildings in some cases -- including this one.)

As a first step, the BEC wants to pursue a \$50,000 planning grant through MEDC. Half of the sum, however, must be matching funds. The planning grant would be used to pay for a study "to determine economic impact, to pave the way for future block grants, and to demonstrate local interest/support for the project," the BEC stated.

According to BEC, specific initial objectives of the study will include:

- 1) "Complete an inventory of local infrastructure, especially that related to the needs of business" including "the highway system, the local power plant, telecommunications system, water, sewer, etc.";

- 2) "Complete an inventory of the current businesses located in the City of Grayling" including "business type and number of employees";

- 3) "Complete planning with the potential developer of the types of business planned";

- 4) "Develop a detailed list of the infrastructure improvements needed in order to adequately service (the possible new developments)" including cost estimates;

- 5) "Determine economic impact" of the possible new developments including "job creation, business needs, future growth, etc. within the development area and the existing business district";

- 6) "Identify all available resources, parameters, limitations, and prerequisites that would be available to offset the costs involved relating to all phases of this development."

At last Wednesday's special meeting, members of the BEC and city council discussed the planning grant/study and the proposed move of the county building (and the land's subsequent redevelopment).

Mayor Dave Wyman expressed concern that the move may not help the city's finances. "If a great majority of the money goes somewhere else, then maybe it is not beneficial to the city," he said.

If the Brownfield Authority is involved, it would capture at least some property tax increases at the development site for as long as it takes to pay off the Brownfield's costs associated

with the project. (The increases can be split between the Brownfield Authority and the city's general fund or the city's Downtown Development Authority -- if it is created, the county's Brownfield consultant said.)

Wyman noted that the development would result in added responsibilities for the city's fire department, police department, snow removal operation, and water/sewer system, resulting in more cost to the city's general fund.

Wyman said the proposed development would provide added revenue to the city's income tax fund through creation of jobs within the city, but the city's income tax fund can only be used to fund capital improvements and street work -- not pay salaries and cover day-to-day city expenses.

Councilman Tom Wellman said the city may not benefit in the near future from the proposed development, but in 15-20 years when the Brownfield Authority's costs are paid off through its tax capture plan, the land would be added to the city's tax rolls and help the city's finances at that point.

Councilman Dennis Palmer said he felt the proposed development would improve the overall economic health of the area, bring in even more new businesses, and help those that are already in place.

From the audience, Wayne Koppa said the Master Plan created by the city and Grayling Township says there may be too much commercial area in Grayling already. Koppa said the county property, if vacated, might be better utilized as a park/recreation area. He said it might be more beneficial to the area to concentrate on filling the empty storefronts that are currently in place and improve the existing downtown.

"It's my opinion that we should fix up downtown so people want to stop," he said.

Compo said the proposed study "should show if the new development will be viable." He said it is possible the study will show "negative impact to downtown or the move (of the county facility)."

Councilman Roger Moshier moved to approve up to \$12,500 of city money for the planning

grant. Palmer provided a second. More discussion ensued.

City officials asked if the city's engineering firm, Gosling Czubak, could be the one to conduct the study.

A representative of Gosling Czubak explained that the grant process would include "selection by qualification" of a firm to do the study, and even if the council voted to specify a firm "it may not survive the grant process." He advised the council to not "hinge (its decision on the planning grant contribution) on who does the work."

Moshier amended his motion. The new motion -- that the city would contribute up to \$12,500 for the planning grant with the city's engineering firm used as in-kind match where possible -- received a second from Palmer. The motion passed 3-1, with Wyman voting "no."

The county will pay the other half of the \$25,000 grant match, Compo said.

The meeting then moved into discussion of possible sites for the county to relocate. The BEC has narrowed the search to four different possibilities -- one being the five acres of city land next to the new city hall on North Down River Road near the Grayling Army Airfield.

A new county facility would have to be built inside the city limits because it has to be located within the county seat, Compo said.

County Commissioner Dave Stephenson said it would be beneficial to have both police offices next to each other, and having both governmental buildings side by side.

Palmer agreed. He said one of the county's four remaining options -- a 17-acre piece of county property located behind Grayling Power Equipment and North Country Lodge -- would make a "lousy spot" for a new county building, but would make a good place for the city to install a recreation area, and he suggested the county consider a land swap with the city. "A trade would save money for the county because you wouldn't have to buy any land," he said.

By consensus, the council decided not to act on the issue of the city property until the results of the study are in.

The study is expected to take 2-4 months.

## Hearings for Natural River designation set

The public comment period will remain open until June 8, 2003.

Copies of the draft Management Plans can be found on the internet at [www.Michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.Michigan.gov/dnr), or by requesting a copy at the address given above or in person from the County Clerk's office in those counties scheduled for public hearing.

Following the public comment period, both draft Management Plans and the public comment record will be submitted to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources for review and final decision regarding Natural River designation.

There will be 12 hearings throughout the state from April 28 through May 8. The three closest hearings are in the Kalkaska High School Auditorium, located at 109 N. Birch Street in Kalkaska. This hearing will be held Thursday, May 1, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. An information session will be held from 6-7 p.m. that evening.

On Saturday, May 3 the information session will be from 1-2 p.m. and the public hearing will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School Cafeteria, located at 500 Spruce Street.

The Otsego County hearing will be on Monday, May 5, with the information hearing at 6 p.m. and the public hearing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Gaylord Intermediate School located at 240 4th Street in Gaylord.

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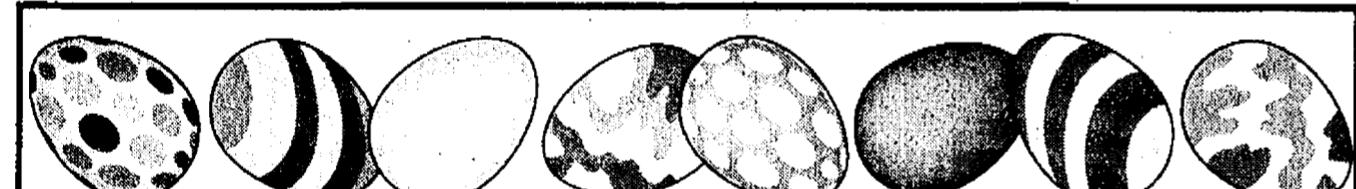
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# Grayling nets another lottery jackpot winner

► Store where ticket was bought has sold other big winners in past

Chad Flowers, of Grayling, "magically" turned two dollars into a \$10,000 top cash prize recently when he scratched off a Michigan Lottery "Magic Money" instant game ticket.

The lucky winner, who works as a coordinator at Interstate Doors, purchased the winning ticket at Ole Dam Party Store in Grayling.

The Ole Dam Party Store has sold two top prize winning tickets in the past two years. Prior to Flowers' \$10,000 winning ticket, the store sold a \$13,669 Michigan Rolldown jackpot-winning ticket and a \$150,000 Big Game winning ticket.

"We are always excited to learn that one of our customers has won a prize," said Mark Hartman, Ole Dam Party Store owner. "The last three big winners have come back to the store to tell us about their good fortune and thank us for selling them a lucky ticket."

Hartman said that his regular Lottery customers are always interested in finding out which clerk sold the most recent big prize-winning ticket so they can buy their tickets from that particular clerk.

"When players find out which clerk has recently sold a big winning ticket, they will tell the clerk that he or she is their lucky charm," Hartman explained. "Selling so many top prize winning tickets really helps with our Lottery business."

Flowers told Lottery officials that he purchased the ticket at the store and then went home to scratch it off. When he learned he had won a \$10,000 prize, he was absolutely shocked.

"At first I couldn't believe I had a winning ticket," said Flowers. "I immediately told my wife that we had won and asked her to double-check the ticket for me. We both then decided to take it back to the store to have them confirm that it was a \$10,000 winning ticket!"

Flowers is a regular customer at the Ole Dam Party Store and was thankful to the party store for selling him a winning ticket.

"I am happy to be a Lottery retailer," said Hartman. "Knowing that we might sell another big winner is thrilling for all of us that work here."

Prior to turning the winning ticket in at an official Lottery bank claim center in Gaylord, the winner said he kept it in his pocket at all times to ensure its safety. Flowers, who enjoys fishing and playing softball in his spare time, added that he plans to use his winnings to pay bills.

## 'Shop Grayling First' cards now available

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) has invited local businesses to participate in its main fund-raiser and created the "Shop Grayling First" discount card.

The new 2003 Shop Grayling First card, now available from any GPA member or at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, includes 68 participating businesses and a total of 272 money-saving offers. Cards are priced at \$25 each and offer a total savings of over \$2,000.

The card would make a

great gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, bridal showers, and graduation.

The 2003 Shop Grayling First card's offers are valid from now until April 30, 2004, giving the holder more than a year of saving opportunities.

The GPA, whose mission is to promote the Grayling area and its many assets and attributes, has created the card to encourage residents and visitors to support local businesses, thus helping the local economy.

GPA will use all monies raised from the Shop Grayling First Card for its many community projects.

## 'Take Back the Night' walk planned April 28

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and to raise awareness about sexual violence, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services is inviting the community to join its staff in a "Take Back the Night" walk.

The first Take Back the Night event began in England in 1977 as a women-only protest against the violence and fear women encountered walking the streets at night. The first Take Back the Night rally in the United States was held in San Francisco in 1978 to protest violence against women, particularly sexual violence.

leance.

The intent of the "walk" is to raise a collective voice against sexual violence and have an impact of a unified message. River House Shelter's Take Back the Night walk will consist of a walk from the former River House Shelter (meet at Grayling Mercy Hospital's Emergency Department entrance) to the new facility on April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Both men and women are invited to join the staff in this worthwhile cause.

Participants are invited to stay for a potluck dinner after the walk.

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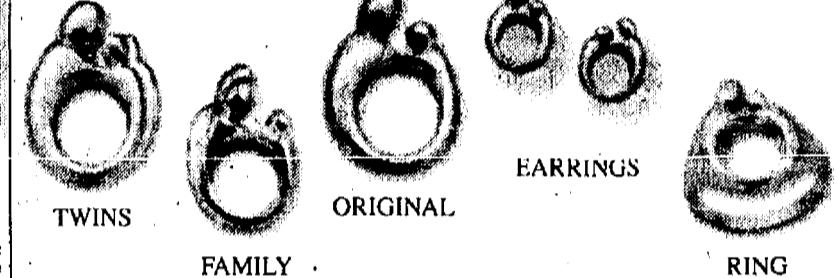


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## Armed robber receives long prison term

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Matt was sentenced to 135 months to 25 years in state prison for one count of felony armed robbery and two to five years for one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. The prison time on these two charges will be

served concurrently.

Matt will serve an additional two years in prison for one count of possession of a firearm by a felon, although Judge Murphy said he felt more time should be imposed for this violation of the law.

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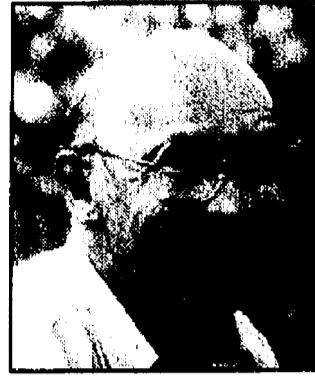
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Capitol harmony starting to unravel

IT ONLY TOOK a couple of months for the hugs and kisses between Michigan's Democratic governor and Republican controlled legislature to turn into something else.

Governor Jennifer Granholm in her early days in office reached out for harmony and cooperation under the capitol dome, and legislative leaders responded in kind.

The welfare of the state was front and center in both camps.

Then came Governor Granholm's State of the State message, which was received pretty well by both political sides, although Republican legislators offered some critical appraisals here and there.

But that was followed by the Granholm budget, and the seeds of political discord were sown.

\* \* \*

ALAS, LASTING PEACE was not to be.

Politics being what it is -- with turf protection added for good measure --

eventual disruption was foreordained. It was only a matter of time.

One problem is that Democrats are Democrats and Republicans are Republicans, and there's a Democrat in the governor's chair and Republicans in control of both chambers of the legislature.

Another is that Governor Granholm was elected by the people to head the administrative branch of Michigan government, while the legislature was elected by the same people to operate the legislative branch of government.

Both branches are created by the state constitution, which spells out duties and responsibilities for both, and the two branches are equal in rank.

Aye, that's where the rub comes in. An old adage claims the governor proposes and the legislature disposes .... and so it is.

Of course, the governor holds the power of veto.

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WHEN GOVERNOR GRANHOLM

proposes as part of her budget that the popular Merit Scholarships for high school seniors be reduced from \$2,500 to \$500, she's perfectly within her constitutional authority to do so.

And when Republicans in control of the legislature decide to juggle the Granholm budget around and in the process, restore the scholarships to \$2,500, they're perfectly within their constitutional authority to do so, too.

Democrats contend Republicans are busting the budget wide open, and Republicans claim their actions better serve education.

"We are the party of fiscal responsibility here," Governor Granholm said about the Republican budget version. "We're not going to overspend."

"We still have a lot of general fund money left," said House Speaker Rick Johnson, Republican. "We haven't spent \$8 billion yet."

And so the seeds of political distrust and disagreement are sown, and will flourish as time goes on.

EACH SIDE has responsibility to help run state government, given to them by the people at last year's election.

Each side is jealous of its role, and aims to stem any infringement from the other branch on what they perceive as their constitutional assignments.

That one side is Republican and one side is Democratic only adds to the inevitability of controversy and strife.

Compromise and cooperation are necessary to accomplish matters of substance for the welfare of the people of Michigan through the legislative process for the next couple of years.

How the two warring partners handle their separate and distinct responsibilities will be the true measure of genuine public service.

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Usually they have no effect on anything, except to embarrass one party or the other.

For 2004, there's no logical reason for Michigan to conduct a presidential primary.

For Republicans, President Bush likely will be the overwhelming favorite, so why a primary?

Michigan Democrats use the caucus system to select their delegates to the national nominating convention, and they're trying to put themselves in a meaningful position with early caucuses, so why a primary?

A statewide presidential primary in 2004 is not necessary .... and its absence could save plenty of money for both the state and local governments who would not have to incur considerable expense to conduct it.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## U.N. should not continue to interfere

To the editor,  
I could go through the whole alphabet and never run out of reasons why the United Nations should not be allowed to continue to have any control over how any nation wants to govern itself.

Look at who supplied Mr. Hussein with his weapons of mass destruction. Could it be Russia, Germany, and France? Who had the most to gain?

Our country, at great risk, decided it was time! Time to rid Iraq, a caring and oppressed people, of an evil no one should have to live

with, and free a nation of the most evil and vile dictator since Mr. Hitler.

I watched the free people of Iraq and wish them well on their new government, without the help of the United Nations. We cannot continue to let the U.N. interfere with peoples' right to be free and govern themselves to a better life.

Rick Anderson  
Hospital Corps  
1st Battalion, 3rd Marines  
Vietnam 1968  
and Crawford County Commissioner, District #6

## Book gives view of what kids really want

To the editor,

A recent book, "What Kids Really Want That Money Can't Buy," is an excellent resource for all members of our families during these troubling times.

The book, published by Betsy Taylor, is the result of a research project conducted by the Center for a New American Dream. It tells the stories of children from the ages of five to 17 who were asked, "What would you like that money can't buy?"

The responses of the children tell us that they want love, respect, more free time, more contact with extended family and

the natural world, and a healthier, more peaceful planet.

The book not only relates the consistent wishes of the children, but gives practical ideas for granting these wishes within the family, community and the world.

Peace and care for our world begins in our individual hearts, within our family and our community. Then peace will flow throughout the world... and a little child will lead us. Enjoy!

Jean Umlor, RSM  
Grayling

## Show honor by replacing worn out flags

To the editor,

My name is Jim Carmean and I am a 10-year Navy veteran. I served in Vietnam.

I am proud to be an American and proud of my flag. Recently I have helped place a tattered flag depositary at the Crawford County Museum so, folks with torn or tattered flags may drop them off respectfully and correctly. The flags that are collected will be burned honorably by

the American Legion.

Our first collection was 212 flags, and in just three months! I was overwhelmed. Many were folded properly and sealed in brown paper bags, which is the correct way to dispose of a flag.

If you have a worn or tattered flag, honor your country and your community and please replace it soon.

Jim Carmean  
Grayling

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

## War on unborn seems forgotten

To the editor,

Much has been written about the war in Iraq, as well it should. But I would like to address another war; a war that has been going on for 30 years in our country.

A war that has claimed over 40,000,000 lives -- more lives than all the wars our country has ever been in. A war that uses weapons of mass destruction on the innocent who have no defense. Check out the various types of abortions being used in our country. And, perhaps, take in a film on partial birth abortion or read, "The Silent Holocaust."

Pictures of an aborted baby present the reality and horror of abortion, knowing that will be the only picture ever taken of that baby. The reality is that a

special, unique individual dies with each abortion procedure. "The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government" -- Thomas Jefferson.

We can help save the unborn by educating ourselves and those around us. When people learn of the development of the unborn child and see pictures of babies before birth, it is impossible to deny the fact that unborn children are deserving of the right to life.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you came to birth, I consecrated you." -- Jeremiah 1:5. How long will "God Bless America?"

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Military mail officials try to sort these messages so they can be delivered to soldiers who would be the most interested. If you put right in the subject line of the e-mail the fact that your hometown is in Michigan, that will make their job even easier.

But we also need to give our troops long-term support. We took a first step toward this by recently passing the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act in the Senate -- legislation I supported -- that contained long-overdue tax reform.

We also need to remember that those troops will soon join the ranks of our 25 million veterans and we need to do a better job of caring for all those people who sacrificed so much for us.

Back in 1996 we opened up the Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system to all veterans. But we have not given the agency the money to take on the additional responsibilities. These budget shortfalls mean it can take months to see a doctor and waits of a year or longer for some surgical procedures.

We also need to change the unfair policy of deducting disability payments from the pensions of the 600,000 men and women who suffer from disabilities incurred while they wore their country's uniform. In some cases, their pensions are taken away entirely!

These veterans who helped write our history -- and are writing it today in the deserts of Iraq -- deserve a secure, healthy future from us in return. I will continue to do everything in my power to support each and every one of them.

# BRIEFS

## Eagles Auxiliary to nominate officers

The Grayling Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #3465 will hold nomination of officers at its April 17 regular meeting at 7 p.m. Any Auxiliary member is welcome to attend.

## Seats still available for Scrolls trip

Grayling's Michelson Singers, a 10-voice vocal ensemble sponsored by Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, are still taking reservations for a trip to Grand Rapids to see the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at the Van Andel Museum on Tuesday, April 29. Transportation will be by deluxe motorcoach and trip includes a visit to Meijer Gardens, as well as dinner at the Cadillac Grill. Cost is \$70 per person, with all profits to benefit the Michelson Singers' upcoming trip to the east coast. To register or for more information, call the church at 348-2974 or contact any member of the Michelson Singers. The bus will make a stop at Houghton Lake to pick up passengers from that area.

## Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. Call (989) 821-5721 for further information.

## 'Last Supper' to be re-enacted

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will present a reenactment of the "Last Supper" on April 17 at 7 p.m. at its Maundy Thursday worship service, with a live portrayal of the famous painting by Leonardo DaVinci. A historical sketch of each of the apostles will also be presented with musical accompaniment. Communion will be served. All members of the community are invited to attend.

## St. John Ladies to host lunch/cards

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling, will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, April 23 in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-9169.

## Eagles plan Good Friday Fish Fry

The Grayling Eagles #3465 will be offering a Good Friday Fish Fry on April 18, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person for the all-you-can-eat meal.

## Sheriff offers child identification kits

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies from the Youth Service Division took part in the "Super Safety Saturday" held at Mercy Family Care on April 12. Deputies fingerprinted over 100 children and provided their parents with identification kits. This was the first "Operation Child Identification" program presented this year. Any group that would like the Youth Service Division to provide a session of "Operation Child Identification" may contact Tina at the Sheriff's Office at 348-4616.

## Good Friday, Easter events offered

The Burning Bush Tabernacle, located at 501 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will hold a Good Friday service on April 18 at 12 noon. Easter Sunday will be celebrated with a Sunrise Breakfast at 9 a.m., Easter Pageant at 10 a.m. and Easter Celebration Service at 11 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Pastor Petrie at 348-8314.

## Learn how to garden from seeds and cuttings

"How to Get Started from Seeds and Cuttings" is the topic to be explored at Wellington Farm Park on Saturday, April 26. The program will be presented free of charge to any interested gardener as part of the living history farm's community service program.

The clinic will be conducted by Master Gardener Joyce Haskel and will take place at Wellington Farm Park, located on Military Road between Camp Grayling and Higgins Lake. The program will begin at 9 a.m.

Other activities taking place that day will be fruit tree pruning demonstrations and a plant swap. Those who would like to increase the number of flowers in their gardens are encouraged

to bring extra divisions, cuttings or started seeds to trade with others.

For more information about the Gardening Clinic, call the Farm Park toll-free at 1-888-653-3276 or visit the farm's web site at: [www.wellingtonfarm-park.org](http://www.wellingtonfarm-park.org).

Wellington Farm Park is also currently taking reservations for group outings such as weddings, family reunions, company picnics and organizational outings.

The park will open for the season on June 13 and will be open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until October 31. The Farm Market and Visitor Center will be open seven days a week, from Memorial Day to Halloween.

## Managed care expert to speak at Business After Hours

The next Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Spike's Keg O'Nails. Hosting the event are Cornell Insurance/Coldwell Banker and The Medicine Shoppe.

Featured speaker of the evening will be Vic Sztegel of Mercy Hospital. His primary responsibility is to negotiate managed care contracts through the Physicians Hospital Organization. His background

in insurance and health care planning includes positions with Principal Mutual Life, Blue Cross of Indiana, and Golden Rule Insurance.

The program furnishes aspects of the local economics of health care, including the hiring of physicians.

Other items of interest encompass the future of health care, trends in health care, and uninsured individuals.

For more information call the Chamber at 348-2921.

## High school MEAP tests begin April 21

The State of Michigan MEAP High School Tests will be given at Grayling High School (GHS) beginning Monday, April 21, and continuing through May 2.

The MEAP tests are given to students in the junior class, and cover the subject areas of mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies.

Students will have the opportunity to earn endorsements in the various subjects; per the Department of Education, "students who score highly on the test have demonstrated achievement of valued and rigorous knowledge and skills."

It is impressive to note how well students at Grayling High School have been performing on the state tests: 88% of last year's seniors earned endorsements in writing; 87% in science; 82% in reading; 85% in math.

The April 2003 MEAP Testing Schedule is as follows:

April 21 - Reading test (80 minutes), 7th hour (12:45 p.m.) in classrooms.

April 22 - Science test (90 minutes), 2nd hour (9:05 a.m.)

**Citizen Planner Program targets land use issues**

Crawford and Otsego County Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) staff are offering a "Citizen Planner Program" to persons appointed to serve on local land use planning bodies, as well as other interested citizens.

This program was developed to equip volunteer county leaders with the technical information and leadership skills needed to perform their duties more effectively and responsibly as related to issues surrounding land use planning and regulations.

Citizen Planner is a non-credit series leading to an optional certificate awarded by MSUE, based on the completion of six core classes and 30 hours of county-oriented service in land use planning or related activities.

Classes will be held on scheduled Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Otsego Lake Township Hall in Waters. Classes will begin on Wednesday, May 14 and run through Thursday, June 26. Cost of the course is \$210.

For more information, contact either the Crawford MSUE Office at (989) 344-3264 or the Otsego MSUE Office at (989) 731-0272.

Registration deadline is April 30.

## Mexican dancers, musicians to perform at Kirtland

Folk Dancers and musicians will soon offer samples of Mexico's diverse cultures. For two hours on Saturday, April 26, the miles between Mexico and Roscommon will disappear as Ballet Folklorico "Quetzalli" de Vera Cruz will easily win over its audience.

Twelve dancers and six musicians will present an energetic array of music and folk dances from five Mexican states, providing an enjoyable lesson in that country's cultural diversity.

As the program moves from state to state, the costumes take on the different striking colors and styles.

The audience will be exposed to a set of ritualistic barefoot dances from the state of Chihuahua that show influences of Mexico's Indian cultures; boisterous dances from Durango, similar to American square dancing; wedding dances from Nayarit which have similarities to Spanish Flamenco; La Bamba, first and foremost a dance but the music was made famous in the 50's by Ritchie Valens; and a short sword dance

are only part of what will be presented.

The musicians will play a variety of instruments from violin, guitar, jaranas, and harpa jarocho.

Since their formation in 1985, "Quetzalli" has criss-crossed the globe, exciting audiences young and old with their visual fiesta of old Mexico. With standing ovations from Cuba to Malaysia, "Quetzalli" proves they are one of Mexico's most popular exports.

For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777 or order your tickets online at [www.kirtland.edu/kcpa](http://www.kirtland.edu/kcpa).

Adults - \$3.50, Child (12 & under)

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Everyone welcome! Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! Enjoy breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Eggs, pancakes & sausage patty or biscuits-n-gravy, eggs & sausage patty, both come with coffee or juice.  
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## Proud to be American!

Remember the words of President F.D. Roosevelt? "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Remember the courage of President Harry Truman to use the atomic bomb to end WW2 and save thousands of lives on both sides? Remember the courage of President John F. Kennedy to order a military blockade of Cuba and remove the Soviet missile threat? Remember President Ronald Reagan as he faced down the Soviet Empire with the goal of bringing freedom to millions of enslaved people behind the "iron curtain"? Today, President Bush deserves the same high esteem. His strong faith in his God, his Country, and his Troops is sending a message of freedom and hope around the world. Our soldiers are answering the call of Deut 32:20: "How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight?"

We feel a special love for our new generation of Americans who are fighting and dying for truth, freedom and justice. As Jessica Lynch was being rescued from torture by our Special Forces she heard the shout, "We are American Soldiers." From her tortured broken body came her reply, "I am an American Soldier too!" We feel a special love for the Iraqi people like the man who had the decency and courage to risk his life by walking many miles to ask the Marines to save her. There are still many brave heroes in this world that love truth, justice, and freedom more than even life itself.

Eastern Europe is now supporting America because they have been freed from terrorism and tyranny and appreciate with us the value of liberty. But, the secular socialists of old Europe still want to control the world through the United Nations. Putin is still a former KGB agent and philosophically still supports secular socialism more than American democracy and capitalism.

Militant Islam also has plans to control the world. While they represent only a small minority of Muslims, their militant terrorism silences and enslaves even the majority of their own people. You hear Muslim leaders around the world calling the war on terrorism a religious war. It is a religious war to them because they demand unity of "church" and state under Muslim rule. George Bush is right by repeatedly telling the world America is not fighting a religious war. We are fighting for freedom, both theirs and ours. We believe in separation of church and state, and that every human being

has an unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We believe all people should have political freedom as opposed to government tyranny. We believe all people should have economic freedom, as opposed to state slavery. We believe all people should have religious freedom as opposed to government enforced religion of any kind. This is a brief summary of why many of us feel privileged and proud to be Americans! To those who disagree, remember, the blood of American heroes purchased for you that right of dissent! Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net-cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Joyous Easter

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**  
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Thursday, Stone Soup Supper 6:00 pm  
All night prayer vigil: Thursday 8:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friday

**Good Friday:** Liturgy 8:30 am, 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday:** Easter Vigil & Baptism 8:00 pm  
**Easter Sunday:** Festival Holy Eucharist 10:30 am

**Mt. Hope Lutheran Church**

Maundy Thursday: 7 pm  
Good Friday: 7 pm  
Easter Sunday: Service 10:30 am  
with Easter potluck at 9:00 am

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

Maundy Thursday: Mass of Lord's Supper 7:00 pm  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8:00 - 10:00 pm

**Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday: Vigil Liturgy of the Lord's Resurrection 9:00 pm

Saturday: Easter Breakfast 11:30 pm

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord Mass 10:00 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**

Good Friday: Ecumenical Service, 12 noon - 1:30 pm

Easter Sunday: Services 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast between services by donation

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**Grayling Assembly of God**

Good Friday: Joint service with Grayling Baptist Church, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday: Resurrection/Fellowship Breakfast, 9:00 am

Easter Service: 10:00 am

**Bear Lake Christian Church**

Good Friday: Service 12:30 with light lunch afterwards

Sunday Morning: Worship 10:00 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**

Easter Sunday: 8:30 am Sunrise Breakfast, 9:45 Special Sunday

School Children's Program, 11:00 am former pastor now missionary in Benin, Ken and Debbie Haley 6:00 pm evening service.

**Free Methodist Church**

Easter Sunday: Easter Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast 9:30 am

**Christian Science Society**  
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Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
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2nd & 4th Wednesday.....7 pm  
Sunday School.....10:30 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
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Sunday School.....  
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Children's Sunday School ....11 am  
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Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am  
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Saturday .....10:30 am  
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Tuesday .....7 pm

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Primary .....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon

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Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship .....6 pm  
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Wed. Men's Bible Study ..12 noon

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School .....9:45 am  
Morning Worship .....10:30 am  
Evening Worship .....6 pm  
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**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ...11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship .....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study .....7 pm

## Mikenauk Chorale to award scholarships

The Mikenauk Chorale will award up to \$2,000 in music education scholarships to area music students in May.

Scholarship application forms will soon be available from area high school music teachers and must be completed by students and submitted to Mikenauk Chorale Scholarship Committee Member, Lenore Uphoff, (at 124 Powderhorn Drive, Houghton Lake, MI 48629) no later than Monday, April 28, 2003.

Eligibility requirements for applicants include, among other criteria, residency in the counties of Roscommon, Crawford, Oscoda or Ogemaw; enrollment in a school or similar music program; plans for student music camp or special music projects; and a recommendation by a music teacher.

Mikenauk Chorale President, June Karjalainen, said the scholarship winners will be announced at the Chorale's second spring concert performance, Sunday, May 4. The Chorale also plans to announce contributions to area youth music programs in the future. Proceeds from the Chorale's seasonal concerts go to fund student scholarships and youth music programs.

The Chorale will present two performances of its spring concert, "A Concert of Gospel Music," the first on Saturday, May 3 at 7 p.m., at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College in Roscommon; and the second on Sunday, May 4 at 4 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church, 7878 East Houghton Lake Drive in Houghton Lake.

During the first half of each concert, the group will perform Robert Ray's exciting "Gospel Mass," in the second portion of the program, the Chorale will perform Negro spirituals in accompaniment to narrated selections from "God's Trombones," an anthology of poetic sermons written by famed black author/poet James Weldon Johnson.

Tickets for the May 3 and May 4 performances of the spring concert are \$4 per person and may be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce offices in Roscommon, and Grayling, at the Houghton Lake Area Tourism & Convention Bureau in Houghton Lake, and at Bank One in St. Helen. Tickets are also available from members of the Mikenauk Chorale.

## Soul's Harbor offers Easter season events

The Easter season is here and the Sanctuary Choir and Drama Troupe of Soul's Harbor Worship Center is working to make this a very special time.

On Good Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m. and Easter Sunday, April 20 at 7 p.m., the groups will be performing a true life depiction of the Lord's earthly ministry, beginning at John the Baptist and

going to the Last Supper, as portrayed by Leonardo daVinci.

The choir and drama troupe will be in period costume and performing this real-life dramatization which Soul's Harbor believes will bless and challenge the audience at this time of year.

A cast of over 40 men and women will present both performances at the church, located at

250 Lake Street in Roscommon. The public is invited to both presentations.

A staffed nursery will be provided for children under four years of age. There will be no charge to the public, however, a free will offering will be received. For more information, call the church office at (989) 275-5309.

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## New classmates welcomed at GE/AP



Teacher Laurie Canfield and third-graders from Frederic Elementary and Grayling Elementary play a game which helps them learn about the interests of other students in the group. Frederic Elementary students visited their new classmates and had a busy day which included an assembly, snacks, art projects, lunch, recess and special activities such as the above game.

## Retirees have over 300 years of teaching

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

School will be different next year not only because of the closure of Frederic Elementary and the fact that the entire high school should be usable, but many familiar faces will be gone.

Superintendent Milli Haug said pink slips are usually issued to staff at the end of the school year in times of budgetary crises. This year no pink slips had to be issued to the professional staff because 13 teachers have decided to retire. Some positions will remain unfilled next year.

Retirees at the elementary level are Florence Hough who teaches third grade at Frederic Elementary, Pam Williams - first grade at AuSable Primary (AP), Pat Wiltse - fourth grade at Grayling Elementary (GE), Mary Smock - Title I

Reading/Math at GE, Jan Pahssen - fifth grade at GE, Sally Yost - multi-age first/second at AP, and Alice VanSlyke - second grade at AP.

Retirees at Grayling Middle School are health/physical education teacher Butch Stockton, computer science teacher Bill Bedford, and social worker Patti Quinlan.

High school retirees are Mike Dean who teaches math and physics, Nancy Lemmen who teaches Spanish and journalism, and special education teacher Maureen Nowak.

Haug said pink slips have been issued to several support personnel.

The pink slips may be revoked when the school learns how much money they will be getting from the state, but they are forced to issue them in case cuts need to be made.

## School district earns good grades

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School District has received some good news but there may be a catch. The unqualified good news is that both Grayling Elementary and Grayling Middle School have continued to improve their performance and made adequate yearly progress (AYP), the standard by which all schools in the state are judged. Schools that do not make AYP are subject to sanctions from the state.

Superintendent Milli Haug said she was pleased but not satisfied. She said the goal is to surpass the state average and the staff is working very hard to continue to increase the success of area students.

The good news that may have a catch concerns Frederic

Elementary.

Frederic Elementary is not on the list of schools that didn't meet expectations.

However, the reason it's not on the list is that the state again changed the rules by which they rate schools. In order for a school to be considered "failing" there have to be a minimum of 30 students in the core groups the state is looking at. The standard used to be 20 students.

Frederic Elementary did not have a core group of 30 so they need to combine the data from last year with the data from this year to find out if they are failing. This year's data is not yet available.

Haug said she is hopeful the information will be available before the close of the current school year.

## Highly traveled section of M-72 slated for improvements

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will resurface a half-mile stretch of M-72 in Grayling Township and improve the flow of traffic between M-93 and Old Lake Road.

The improvement project includes curb and gutter, storm sewer and driveway improve-

ments, and improvements on Pine Point Road.

"We've met with many of the neighbors along this route ahead of time to inform them of the many benefits of this project," said Bonnie Bussard, manager of MDOT's Transportation Service Center in Grayling. "We also have been able to implement

access management principles to either remove or consolidate some of the driveways to improve the safety of the area."

One lane in each direction will be maintained on M-72, while Pine Point Road will be closed to through traffic. Motorists are encouraged to seek an alternate route.

"We encourage motorists to proceed with caution through the

area during construction," said Jay Gailitis, delivery engineer for the Service Center. "Safety is a top priority for us. Responsible driving in work zones will help ensure everyone gets home safely at night -- both workers and motorists."

The \$1.4 million project is expected to begin April 28, and should be completed by late August.

## Purse snatcher sentenced

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The young man who snatched a purse from the shopping cart of a local supermarket customer was sentenced April 7 in 46th Circuit Trial Court.

Chief Judge Alton T. Davis encouraged a tearful William Benjamin Boyd to take his mother up on her offer to take him into her home in Texas in order to get his life back on track. He also recommended the 21-year-old seek mental health counseling to deal with his problems.

Boyd was arrested by Grayling Police last December 4, at Glen's Family Market after employees and customers stopped him from leaving the store parking lot with the purse. The purse and its contents were recovered.

Originally charged with unarmed robbery, Boyd made a deal with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss to drop that charge and add a charge of larceny, to which the young man

pled guilty on March 3. Also dropped in the agreement were two felony no-account check charges pending in 83rd District Court. Boyd faced up to 15 years in prison on the unarmed robbery charge alone.

Judge Davis sentenced Boyd to 180 days in jail, with credit for 124 served, and placed him on 24 months probation. "You will take care of your financial assessments," the judge said of the \$141 in restitution due on the bad checks he wrote and \$770 in fines and costs stemming from the case.

If Boyd pays all his fines, costs and restitution in full, Judge Davis said he will consider the payment as "time served." Probation will be terminated and the \$940 supervision fee will be waived if he returns to his mother's home in Texas. Boyd is also prohibited from having a charge account or checking account for two years as part of his plea agreement regarding the alleged no-account checks.

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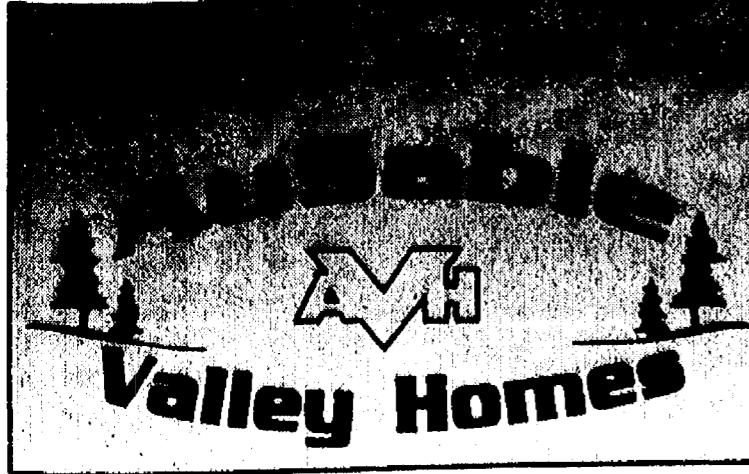
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## Local business changes hands



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Jansen Sales & Service has been purchased by Kevin and Laurie Jamison who are also the owners of Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty.

Kevin will be handling the daily operations of the company under the new name Jansen's Heating/Cooling & Plumbing Source.

Jansen's has been in business for over 48 years in the Grayling area. The goal of the new owners will be to continue the quality service that has been established in the community by previous owner Curt Jansen.

Jansen sold the business so he would have more free time to pursue other interests, but he will remain an integral part of the servicing business with the company. His expertise and long term relationships are highly valued and will be utilized for the best interest of the customers.

The phone number will remain the same (348-5571) and the business will stay at 501 N. James Street until May 30.

On June 1, the company will relocate to 6264 West M-72 (the old Milltown Carpet building). The new location will offer a showroom for fireplaces, air conditioners, furnaces and plumbing fixtures. Business hours are currently Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but Saturday hours will be added later this year.

The Jamisons expect the business will not only continue being efficient in its service but in new construction installations as well.

There will be someone available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for service calls. To receive service after hours, call the normal business phone (348-5571) and follow the directions.

## Veterinarian elected VP of state association

Dr. Paul W. Mesack, DVM, has been elected to the office of second vice president of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA); he will ascend to the presidency in 2006.

Prior to his appointment to the Executive Committee, he represented Northern Michigan Counties (District 15) on the Board of Directors, a position he also held from 1983 to 1995.

At the 2002 Michigan Veterinary Conference, Mesack was presented with the W. Kenneth McKersie Service Award, recognizing exemplary service to the profession. The only award that holds a higher distinction than the McKersie Award is the MVMA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mesack is a strong advocate for continuing education. He has served as a member of the MVMA Continuing Education Committee, the MVC Small Animal Section Committee and is currently a member of the MVC Executive Committee, representing the MVMA Board of Directors. Also an advocate for veterinary students, Mesack has a mentee in every class of students in the veterinary col-



Paul W. Mesack, DVM

lege.

Mesack and his partner, Dr. Wayne Casler, own the Grayling Hospital for Animals, a busy AAHA certified hospital in Grayling. They also own the Roscommon Veterinary Clinic. Mesack finds time to participate as a Governing Trustee for the Michigan Animal Health Foundation, a board member of Trout Unlimited and serves on the Board of Elders for his church.

Dr. Mesack and his wife, Judy, have two grown children, Lesleigh and Greg.

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The helicopter – from Ypsilanti-based Construction Helicopters – eases a tree into the North Branch of the AuSable River on Wednesday.

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Also, about 100 trees were placed along the banks of the South Branch on Friday, April 11.

The project is being funded by a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant and donations from area sportsmen and conservation groups.

The trees were taken from state land near the drop sites.

The trees, with root stumps intact, were linked to a cable dangling from the helicopter by a ground crew. The helicopter flew the trees to the river and eased them into the water near the banks with the help of guid-

ance from another ground crew – this one in the river.

"Large woody debris – habitat structure – has been found to be missing in this and other areas of the AuSable River Watershed," RC&D stated.

"This project is an attempt to improve aquatic habitat for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and related food chain organisms as well as increased nutrient enrichment for all aquatic life."

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# GHS grad recipient of 2003 Mylan Award

Trisha (Ormsbee) Wells, a fourth-year Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) student at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School, was the 2003 recipient of the Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award. The honor was conferred during the college's annual awards banquet, held in Ann Arbor the evening of April 3.

The Mylan Award is presented to a student in the top 25 percent of the fourth (and final)-year Pharm.D. class who demonstrates exceptional professional motivation. In addition to the honor, the award includes a \$500 prize.

In selecting Wells, college administrators and faculty cited her academic excellence along with her continuous involvement in community service projects, such as Operation Diabetes,

Operation Hypertension, and Kids Fair.

While at the U-M College of Pharmacy, Wells served as the student organizer of Ann Arbor National Pharmacy Week activities. She also served one term as secretary of the college's student government council, and is currently secretary of the U-M chapter of the Rho Chi Society, the national pharmacy academic honors organization.

In addition to her U-M College of Pharmacy achievements, Wells is a member of the Golden Key National Honors Society, and for the last three years has been recognized for her scholarly achievements at the University's Honors Convocation.

The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy is consistently ranked among the top three pharmacy schools in the U.S.



Trisha (Ormsbee) Wells, a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School, receives the Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award from U-M College of Pharmacy Dean George L. Kenyon during the college's annual awards banquet, held April 3.

## River House receives grant

River House Shelter recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation to support its sexual violence program.

The Sexual Violence Program serves victims of sexual violence and their families. Individual and group counseling is available to victims of sexual violence.

According to Rhoda Hacker, Director for River House Shelter, "Advocacy is another important component of our program. An advocate is

available to victims when presenting to the emergency department after an assault, as well as for follow up advocacy with law enforcement and court proceedings.

"With the support of Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, these vital services continue to impact our community in a positive way by helping victims of crime heal from the abuses forced upon them."

Finally, educational programs for the community and professional groups is offered.

## Veterinary group's Board of Directors welcomes Fairbanks

Dr. Troy Fairbanks, DVM, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA). Fairbanks represents Northern Michigan Counties (District 15) on the Board.

Fairbanks is a 1989 graduate of the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine; he has been practicing small animal medicine since graduation. For the past 10 years, he has been an associate in the Roscommon Veterinary Clinic.

Fairbanks is a Rotarian and co-president of the Northern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. He believes strongly in the value of continuing education.



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Dr. Fairbanks' wife, Nancy Martindale, is also a veterinarian.

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**David LaGattuta, MD  
Obstetrics/Gynecology**

David A. LaGattuta, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. A graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. LaGattuta completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State University. Dr. LaGattuta began practicing at Mercy Hospital Grayling in 1996.



**Vincent E. Schultz, MD  
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Vincent E. Schultz, MD, is a specialist in Family Practice and Obstetrics. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Dr. Schultz completed his residency in Family Practice at Midland Family Practice and fellowship in Obstetrics in Tacoma, WA. Dr. Schultz joined Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2001.



**Carl F. Schubert, MD  
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Carl F. Schubert, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Schubert completed his medical education at Wayne State University in 1989, and practiced in Alpena before joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2002.



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**Senator says road to success began in Grayling**

**Kentucky freshman senator is 1985 Grayling High School grad**

Damon Thayer, a 1985 graduate of Grayling High School (GHS) and son of Dan and Sue Thayer of Grayling, was elected to the Kentucky State Senate in a special election on January 28.

Thayer, a Republican, defeated Democrat Charles Wells by a margin of 56 to 44 percent. He was sworn in as a Kentucky Senator on February 4.

Thayer's win was historic as he became the 22nd Republican Senator, creating the largest Republican majority in Kentucky's 211-year history. There are 16 Democrats in the Kentucky Senate.

A resident of Georgetown in Scott County, Thayer represents over 106,000 citizens of the 17th District, which encompasses Scott, Owen, Grant, and southern Kenton County. He was assigned

**Kentucky State Senator Damon Thayer was sworn in February 4 with his wife, Carrie, and son, Daniel, as witnesses.**

to the following committees in the Senate: Judiciary, Health and Welfare, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Economic Development, Tourism and Labor.

The 35-year old freshman Senator is married to the former

Carrie Grice of Ada. The couple met in 1988 at Michigan State University where both graduated in 1989. They were married in Grand Rapids in 1991 and have two children, Daniel (age five) and Katie (age one).

Kentucky's legislature is

**At-risk families can find hope, support**

**► Teachers, staff get Freemasons of Michigan training proven to help.**

With more pressures than ever being levied on students today educators are at a crossroads as they attempt to reach a divergent youth. In an effort to learn as much as they can about the changing times and where this leaves today's at-risk generation, a group of Grayling Elementary School educators attended specialized training in mid-March to further their own skills.

Elementary principal, Angela Camp, said, "The Student Assistance Program (SAT) training gave the Grayling Elementary Team a clear process, which included strategies, to reach all children."

The educators, part of a spe-

cialized core team specifically designed to assist students in crisis, felt the training was necessary to make their student assistance program as streamlined as possible. Hosted by the Freemasons of Michigan, the training focused on helping teachers identify and assist students dealing with a myriad of at-risk behaviors.

The program concentrates on educational concerns, rather than attempting to fix global social issues. It strives to improve the climate of schools by focusing on areas where schools have legal and ethical responsibilities and works with existing human resources, rather than creating a new entity within the school.

"With the state funding in the shape it's in, this training gave us practical but inexpensive strategies to help keep students from falling between the cracks," said Shelly Springer, a

Grayling Elementary paraprofessional.

Team members attending the training were Jeanette Murray, Mary Smock, Clyde Holzbauer, Shelly Springer, Sue Voelker, Gina Brunskill, Kay Avery-Lee, and Principal Camp.

Highly trained instructors who travel throughout the United States delivered the intensive three-day training. Developed 18 years ago, Student Assistance Programs have a proven track record in assisting students and families who are at risk. Team members attending the training were impressed with the quality of the training and its relevance for students in today's schools.

Smock summed up the group's feeling about the training. "This SAT was the most beneficial professional development I've received in a long time; very focused and realistic for teachers."

The public computers will be

**LIBRARY NEWS****Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library**

The Devereaux Library and Friends of the Crawford County Libraries would like to invite everyone to an old-fashioned spring cleaning on Monday, April 28.

After the Friend's meeting at 10:30 a.m., we'll be wiping down all the shelves and computers in the library, dusting off all the desks, touching up the little damage that occurs over time, and making the library sparkle again. Those interested in working in the reading garden or around the outside of the building are also encouraged to attend. Members of Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club hopefully will be here. They volunteer to take care of our flower gardens throughout the year.

The public computers will be shut down at 3 p.m. on this day, so that all of them can be cleaned and conditioned.

**It's time to deal with Gypsy Moth again**

After a few years with little activity, it appears that the population of Gypsy Moth in Crawford County is on the rise.

"Last spring saw a healthy batch of caterpillars and current surveys of forested areas are turning up larger numbers of egg masses," Taylor said. "This could mean an even larger population of the leaf-eating insects this June. In some areas, however, it is also apparent that the long cold spells experienced this

past winter has caused some mortality to the egg masses."

For those property owners who wish to have their property sprayed to control the Gypsy Moth, now is the time to take steps to have that done, Taylor said.

Once again this year, Taylor's company, H.T. Productions, Inc. of Grayling, will act as agent for Hatfield Spraying. Control of Gypsy Moth is achieved by the aerial application of bT, a non-

toxic bacterial agent that cannot be tolerated by the Gypsy Moth caterpillars.

Cost of the spraying this year will be \$200 for the first 10 acres and \$17.50 for each additional acre. Minimum area to which aerial application can be made is 10 acres. The larger the parcel, the more effective the spray program.

Those property owners interested in more information about the Gypsy Moth spraying program, should call H.T. Productions, Inc. at 348-5187.

**8th annual candlelight memorial service planned**

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice invites the community to participate in its 2003 Annual Memorial Service on Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Roscommon. This is the eighth year for the event.

Anyone who has lost a loved one through death and would like to remember them in this special candle-lighting ceremony should contact the Mercy Amicare Hospice office at (989) 348-4383 or toll-free at 1-800-424-1457.

If more convenient, a voice mail message can be left with Mary Beth Brady at 348-0035. When calling, give the name and state how many people will be attending. Refreshments will be served.

You need not be present to have a candle lit for a loved one.

## Action taken to head off ash borer invasion

by Corbin Sullivan

Capital News Service

LANSING -- An Asian insect that measures no larger than a penny could wipe out the over 700 million ashes in Michigan, and 7.6 billion nationwide.

The emerald ash borer is an exotic species that is already ravaging ashes in a 2,400-square-mile area in Southeast Michigan. The area has been quarantined, but the spread hasn't stopped.

Since the discovery of the ash borer in 2001, it's been found in Windsor, Ontario, and south of Toledo, Ohio. And officials in the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula are taking steps to keep the pest out of their region.

"We're conducting surveys throughout northern Michigan and the U.P.," said John Hill, a pesticide and plant pest management supervisor for the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). "We've visited local sawmills and major municipalities, and we've done surveys of street trees and woodlots."

Ashes are not a valuable lumber commodity, but they serve ornamental and firewood purposes. Many of the trees seen along city streets or in back yards are ash.

Hill, who is based in Traverse City, said the survey hasn't produced any indication of ash borers in his region -- but that doesn't mean they aren't there. "So far, we haven't found signs, but there's always the possibility that ash logs could have been shipped out of the quarantined area unknowingly."

The transport of ash lumber out of the six affected counties in southeast Michigan is the largest hazard to preventing the spread of the borer, said Andrew Storer, an assistant professor of forest insect ecology at Michigan Technological University.

"At the moment, it's limited to a fairly small area in Southeast Michigan, but the biggest fear at the moment is firewood," Storer said.

Storer, who works with the Center for Exotic Species at

Michigan Tech, said the likelihood of the ash borer making its way to northern Michigan and the U.P. isn't fully known yet.

"Ash isn't the dominant species in the northern forests, but we do have three species and they're plentiful," Storer said. "The ash borer would certainly be able to get around up here."

Another question is the ash borer's ability to adapt to the harsher northern climate, but Storer said there's no reason to think it wouldn't survive.

Dave Roberts, a plant pathologist with Michigan State University Extension, is an ash borer researcher. He doesn't consider the surveys of northern parts of the state completely reliable for finding infestation.

"Our concern is that since the insect has been here for a number of years -- for all we know, huge epicenters may be growing up there," Roberts said.

The ash borer was in Michigan for at least five years before its destructive impact started showing, Roberts said. "It takes years to build up a population."

Once the population builds, however, its effects are devastating. The ash borer is dormant over the winter, and when spring comes it lays eggs under the bark of ashes. It's during the first stage of development, or larval stage, that the borer takes its toll.

At first, leaves start to thin and branches begin to die. Then bark starts cracking and falls off, large parts of the tree's crown appear dead, and by the time the larvae make it to the core of the tree, the ash has no chance of survival.

"The process takes two or three years, but right now there's not much hope for any tree that's already infested," Roberts said.

The problem is compounded by how quickly the borer population can grow once they're established -- multiplying by "at least 10 times every year," Roberts said. "It could very well be another Dutch Elm disease."

Aside from its ravaging of the environment, the ash borer could have far-reaching economic impacts.

Tree nurseries are already assigned to Company "B," 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Division. Lance Cpl. Wildfong is the son of Darlene M. and Harry C. Wildfong of Frederic.

Wildfong is a 1994 graduate of Gaylord High School, and joined the Marine Corps in April 1996.

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**Marine Corps Cpl. Kevin J. Steinbraker**

Steinbraker was recently called to active duty while assigned to Company "B," 1st Battalion, 24 Marines, 4th Marine Division.

Corporal Steinbraker's wife Jennifer is the daughter of Nancy and David Randolph of Roscommon.

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**Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. Matthew W. Huntly**

was recently called to active duty, assigned to Company "B," 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division.

Lance Cpl. Huntly is a 2000 graduate of Roscommon High School.

unable to sell ashes in the southern part of the state, which will lead to millions of dollars in lost profits, Roberts said.

Cities and homeowners will also be forced to rid their property of ashes, costing typically \$1,000 per tree. Roberts said if the government were to replace all the estimated 35 million infested trees in southeast Michigan, it would cost \$6 billion to \$9 billion.

The importance of preventing its spread is obvious, Roberts said, and state officials are relying on vigilance and the quarantine to keep the threat in check.

"It's the eyes and ears of the businesses and people that we depend on to stop the spread,"

the MDA's Hill said.

"We did intercept one shipment of infested logs that were shipped to Oscoda County," Hill said. He credited the sawmill that received the shipment for identifying the infestation.

The state is waiting to hear from the federal government about federal help. Gov. Jennifer Granholm requested assistance on March 5, and Wyant said the state should know within the next few weeks whether money will be provided.

"We're going to need \$30 to \$50 million for at least five years to contain and eradicate the borer," said MSU's Roberts.

"I'm not even sure that can be done."

## Ash borer alert issued

by Corbin Sullivan

Capital News Service

LANSING -- The Department of Agriculture is making public education a priority to ensure that people are aware of the danger of the emerald ash borer.

When the state began a program to combat the spread of the ash borer, it initially failed to realize the importance of keeping the public informed, Agriculture Director Dan Wyant admitted.

"We had to take a step back and actually help people identify the ash trees," Wyant said.

Now the state is aggressively trying to help individuals identify ashies and any signs that the ash borer is present.

"We're making a big push to reach out to hunters, using the Department of Natural Resources where they sell licenses," Wyant said. "Posters in state parks and campgrounds also help to get the information out there."

The brochures and posters illustrate the early indications of infestation and include a hotline phone number to notify the appropriate officials.

Those involved with the educational effort have mixed views about the level of public awareness.

"We've made a lot of progress," said John Hill, an agriculture department plant pest management specialist based in Traverse City. "The awareness is definitely there now."

Dave Roberts, a plant pathologist with Michigan State University Extension, disagrees with Hill's assessment: "I've found that 60 to 70 percent of people don't know what an ash looks like, and fewer know about the borer."

"Scientists tend to be overeducated sometimes -- they don't realize they need to explain the basics," Roberts said.

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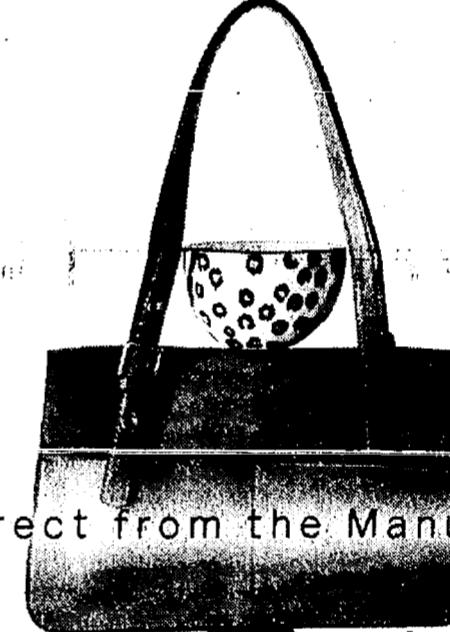
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## MILITARY NEWS

**Marine Corps Reserve Staff Sergeant Stephen W. Gibas,**

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## OBITUARIES

### Lorance L. Moffatt

Dec. 9, 1917 - April 8, 2003  
Lorance L. Moffatt, age 85, of Grayling, died April 8 in Grayling. He was born on December 9, 1917 in Greenville, to Warren Gould and Glennie (Kent) Moffatt.

Mr. Moffatt, a former resident of Greenville, lived in Grayling for 30 years. He was a finish carpenter by trade and an avid fisherman. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He was a very kind and loving man.

Mr. Moffatt served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals.

He is survived by one son, Robert Moffatt of Alto; one daughter, Sondra (Donald) Vradenburg of Grayling; six stepchildren, Barb and Lloyd Pant, Leonard and Louise Wilkins of Erie, Richard and Lois Wilkins, Carol and Jim Vanbrandt, Sharon and Dick Laurell, and Darlene and Pat Abbey; two brothers; four sisters; 27 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth who passed away on March 27, 1978 and by his second wife, Doris who passed away on December 21, 1997.

Funeral services were held on April 12 at Sorenson Funeral Home, Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor, officiated. Burial was at West Montcalm Cemetery. Military rites were accorded him by the American Legion Post #106 Grayling, and by Camp Grayling.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, prayers and the wonderful luncheon at the loss of our father, Rudy Harrison.

Thanks,

From the whole family of Rudy Harrison

## RAFFLE WINNERS

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Winners for April: \$100 - Sandy Hull, \$50 - Ellen Germain, \$25 - Jerry DeWitt.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Kent and Melissa Cotton, of Midland, announce the arrival of their new little girl, Kara Alexandra, on March 26. She is also welcomed by her sister, Kirstyn. Her grandparents are

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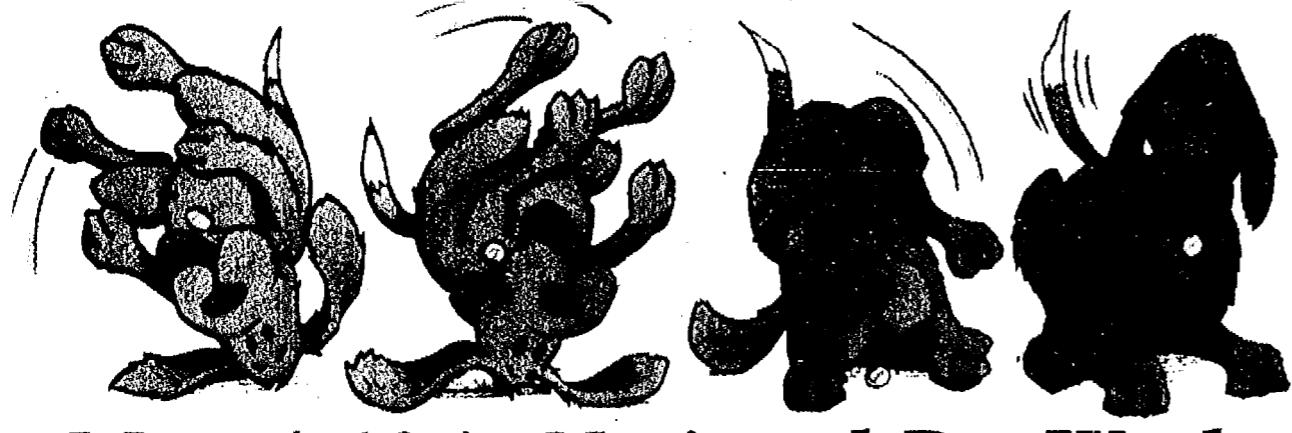
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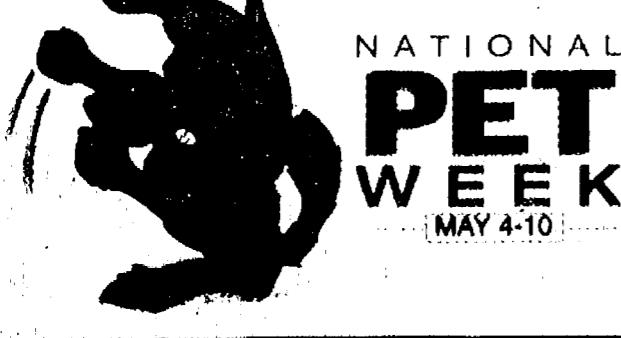
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# SPORTS & RECREATION



JV baseball 3B

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, April 17, 2003

► JV, varsity baseball teams have new head coaches

► Varsity squad to play two full league schedules

## Season to start this week

### Vikings prepare for a busy 2003 campaign

► Young team has 'the character and mindset' to win, coach says

The 2003 Grayling High School varsity baseball team — which starts its game schedule this week — will consist of five seniors, six juniors, and two sophomores. The Vikings will be playing a very competitive 30-game schedule consisting of the team's final season in the North East Michigan Conference and a full schedule in their new league — the Lake Michigan Conference.

The team's new head coach — Bob Gorski — is in his first full season with the squad. Gorski, a former collegiate player who pitched at Michigan State and Eastern Michigan University and later played in the Pittsburgh Pirate organization, currently teaches at Grayling Middle School.

Assistant varsity baseball coach John Schneider played college ball at Ferris State University, where he was 1st team all-conference catcher and captain of the baseball team.

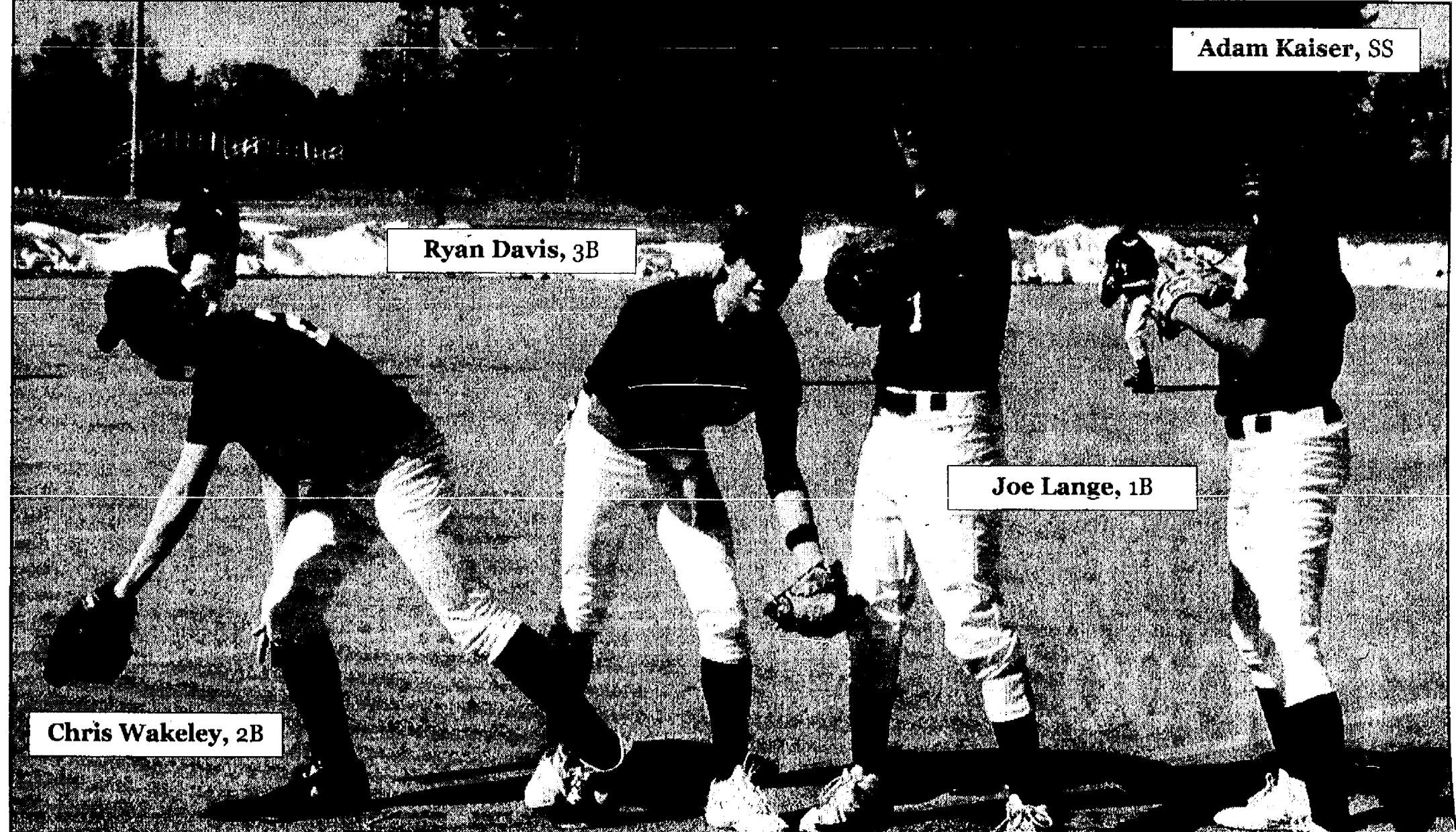
Head junior varsity coach Travis Huber was prepped at Grayling High School and led the team in hitting his senior year. He also earned a spot on the all-league first team and won all-district honors as an outfielder (after switching from the catching position as a sophomore). Assisting Coach Huber is Mike D'Amour, a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School. D'Amour, an outfielder and pitcher for the 2001 team, was a lifetime .308 hitter at GHS and holds the school record for RBI with 123.

The 2003 varsity baseball team is a young group. It will have seven returning players from last year's 9-20 squad.

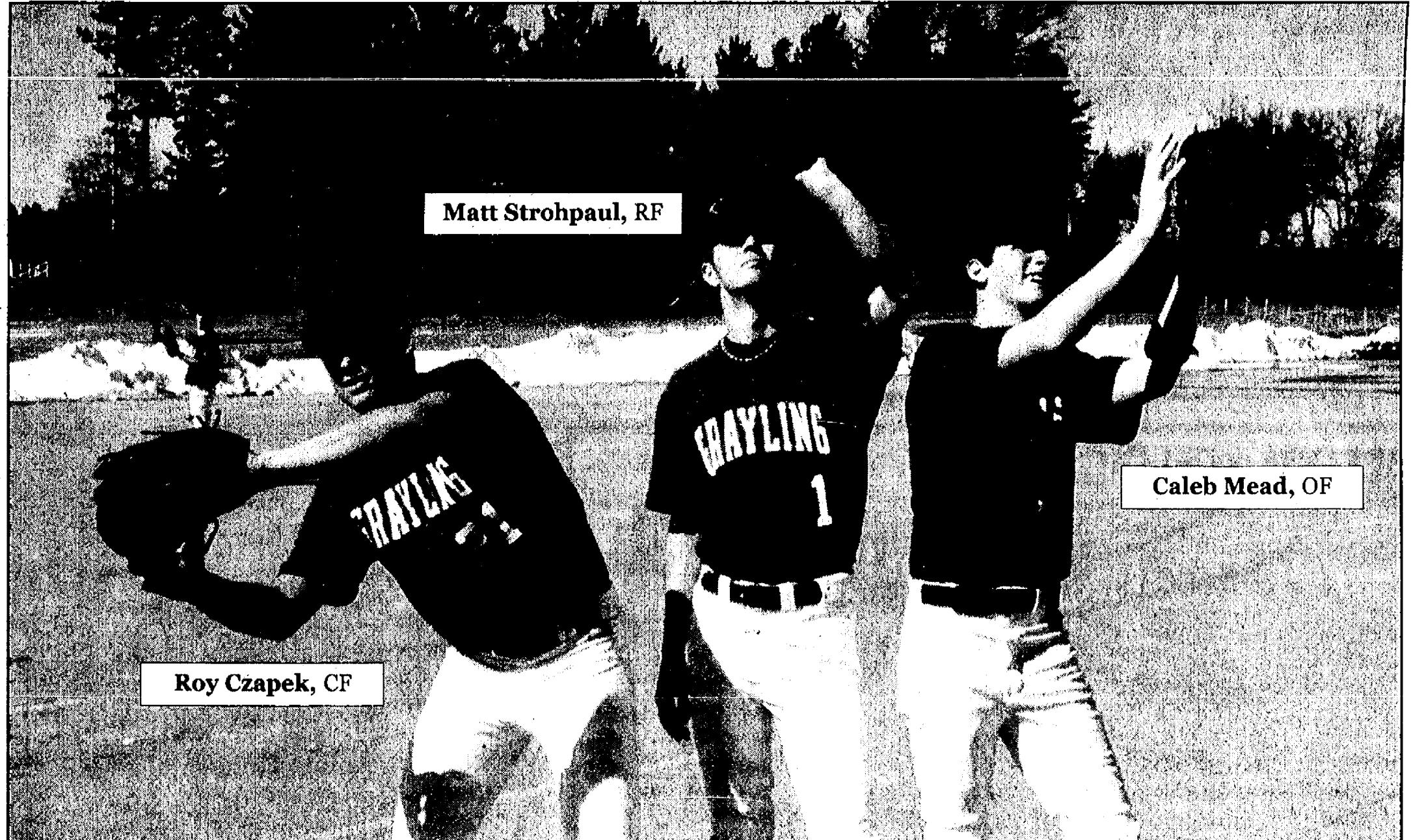
The infield at the corners will have Joe Lange, a junior with a .316 batting average, at first base and Ryan Davis, a sophomore who saw limited playing time on the varsity team last year, at third base. Up the middle will be senior Chris Wakeley at second base and returning senior starter Adam Kaiser, a .285 hitter, at shortstop.

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See "VIKINGS PREPARE..."



The GHS varsity baseball team's starting infielders: (left to right) Chris Wakeley, Ryan Davis, Joe Lange, Adam Kaiser.



The varsity team's outfielders: (left to right) Roy Czapek, Matt Strohpaul, Caleb Mead. Not pictured: D.J. Metzer, Roger Alvarez.

Photos by Caleb Casey

## New GHS football coach starts working with players

► Door to door introductions to continue the next two Saturdays

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Jason Mensing, the new Grayling High School head football coach, has been making the long trip from his downstate home to Grayling almost every weekend since January to work with prospective players and build relationships prior to the

upcoming fall football season.

On weekends, he has been opening the weight room and conducting drills with very small groups of players.

"I just want to get to know them a little bit so we're all comfortable next fall," Coach Mensing said. "It's more about relationships than work right now."

"It's going well," he said. "We've had a variety of kids that have come in. I'm excited that they're excited about football. If they're not excited about it, no one will be."

Mensing is a 2000 graduate of Adrian College. While he was at Adrian (in 1999), he worked as a training and conditioning coach for the University of Michigan's football program. In the fall of 2000, he was the offensive line coach at Adrian College, and in 2002 he was the head coach at Addison High School.

At Addison, "We had a really good season and knew we'd be in a position to make a move," Mensing said.

He learned of the opening in Grayling from a friend who coaches at Mio, he said.

Mensing said he and his wife had five criteria they used to rate potential places to relocate, and Grayling was the only one in the state that met all five and had an opening at the head coach position for football.

Mensing started a door to door meet-the-parents project in Grayling this past weekend. The project involves introducing himself (and his wife, Angel) to parents of football players,

answering any questions they might have, and dropping off schedules for upcoming football events.

"It went well," he said of this past Saturday's round. "We hit about 25 houses. We've got 40 or so yet to do. It's neat seeing the parents."

Mensing will finish the door to door introductions this Saturday and Saturday, April 26, he said.

As for his basic coaching philosophy, Coach Mensing said he likes to run a "wide open" offense and an "attacking defense."

He said he does not try to build practice routines or offensive game plans completely

from scratch. "A lot of people try to do that. We're not here to be innovative. We're here to teach a sound system."

He borrows practice habits and game schemes from other successful programs and implements the ones that work for his team, he said.

"We have to first develop a relationship with the kids," Coach Mensing said. "We have to like them, and they have to like us."

"We want to motivate young men to do more on the field and in the classroom," he said.

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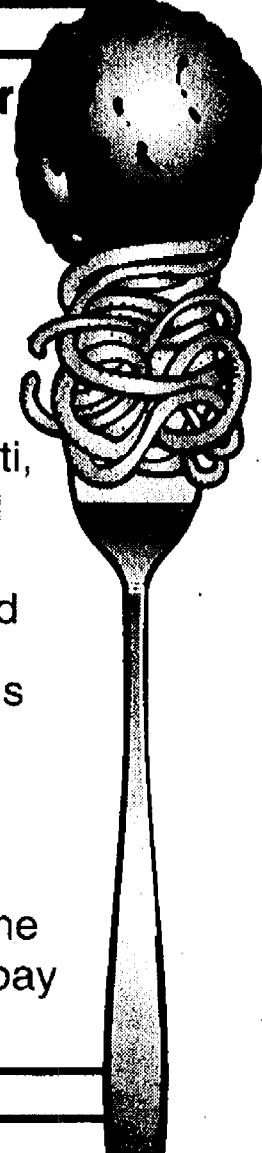
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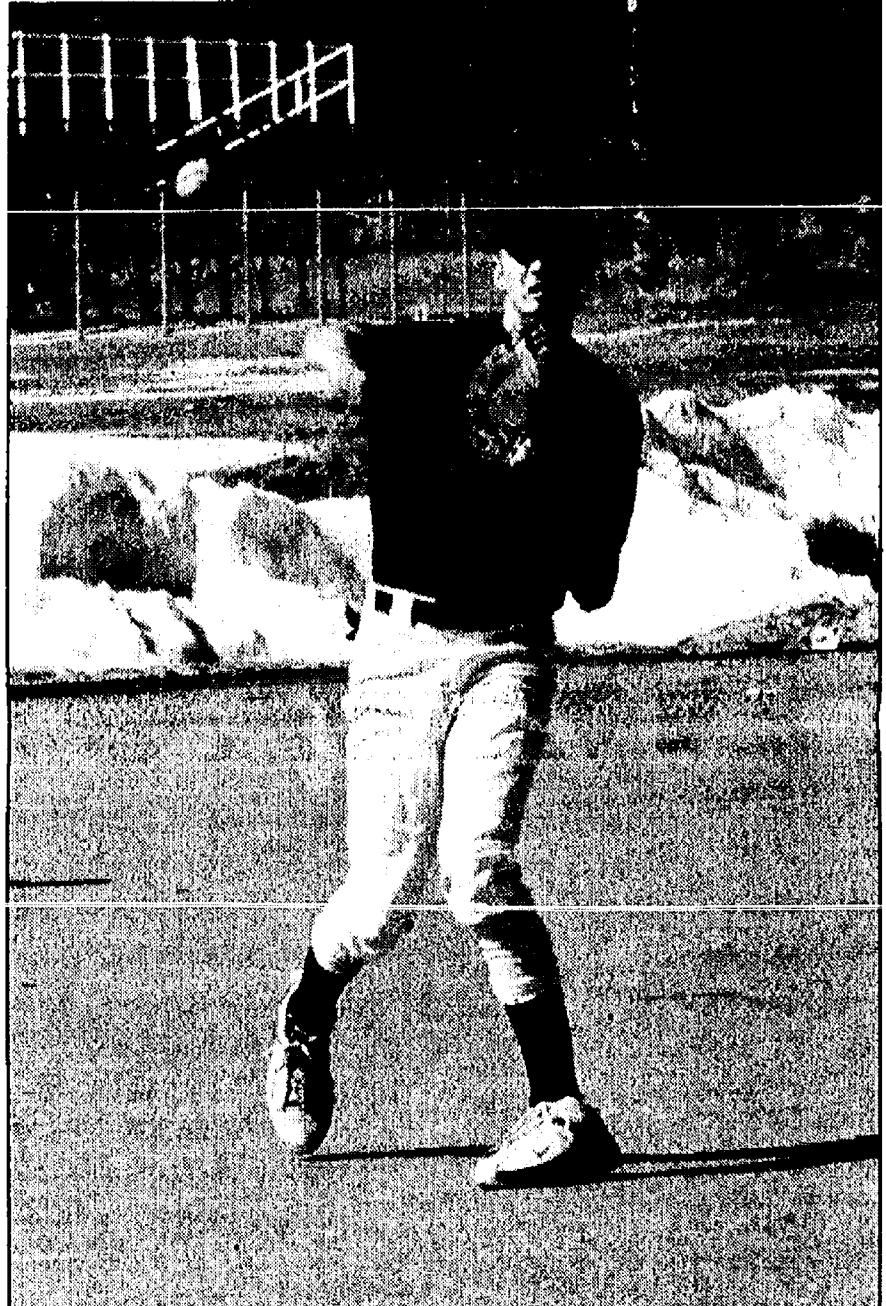


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Catcher Greg Morrill gets set to throw to first base during a varsity baseball team practice last Wednesday. The baseball field wasn't ready for action, so the Vikings practiced outside on the GHS parking lot.



Second baseman Chris Wakeley throws to first base during infield practice last Wednesday.



First baseman Joe Lange tosses the ball during practice last week.

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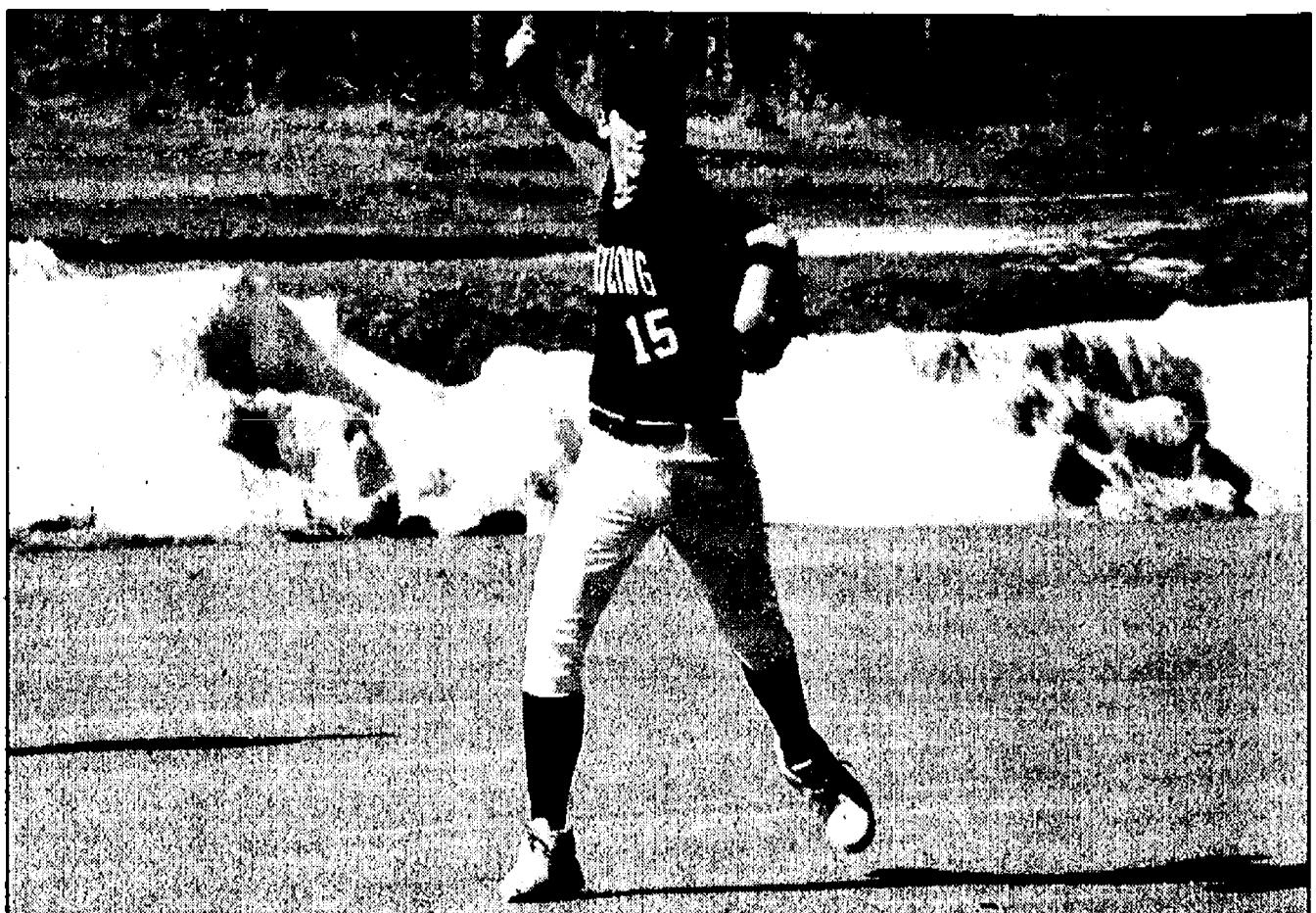
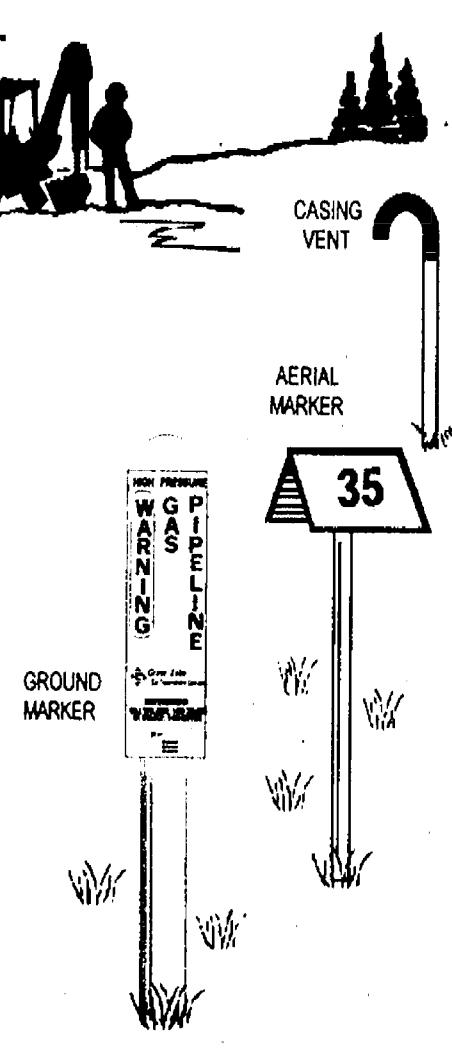
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Caleb Mead makes the throw from third to first during practice last week.

## GHS ALUMNI SPORTS NEWS

Brad Gorski, Glen Oaks  
Community College Baseball  
Gorski, a 2001 Grayling High

School graduate, batted 2 for 4 with two RBI in game one of a doubleheader vs. Kalamazoo Valley on April 11. Glen Oaks won both games - 8-5, 8-2.

On April 13, Gorski was 1 for 3 with one RBI (game one) and 3 for 4 with one RBI (game two) in a doubleheader vs. Lansing. Lansing won both matches.

Glen Oaks has a 15-11 overall record with an 8-5 league mark.

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# JV squad gets ready for '03 season



The GHS junior varsity baseball team, which plays its first games of the 2003 season this week, will be coached by Travis Huber (left, head coach) and Mike D'Amour (right, assistant coach). Next week, the Vikings have two away games and will host Elk Rapids on Thursday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m.



Meet the JV baseball players, starting with the squad's infielders: (L to R) Josh Hinkle, Jason Strohpaul, Billy Stewart, Bobby Starks, Eli VanNuck, Gibson Tobin.



The pitchers and catchers: Trevor Clough (C), Jason Strohpaul, Billy Stewart, Bobby Starks, Eli VanNuck, J.C. Schneider. Not pictured: Matt Swope (C).



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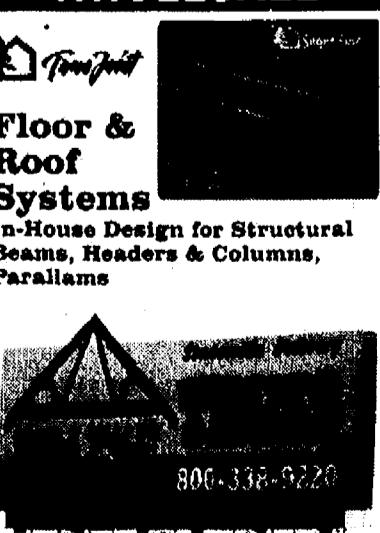
The outfielders: Adam Gilbert, T.J. Luke, Russ Peters, Alex McNamara, James Haven, Zac Baker, J.C. Schneider.

## Men's basketball league announces award recipient



Tim Swope (center) of the Holiday Inn basketball team was the recipient of the 3rd annual "Finger Tip Roll" award for the 2003 men's league season. Swope is accompanied by Lewis Madill (left) and Phil Weiler (right), past winners of the award.

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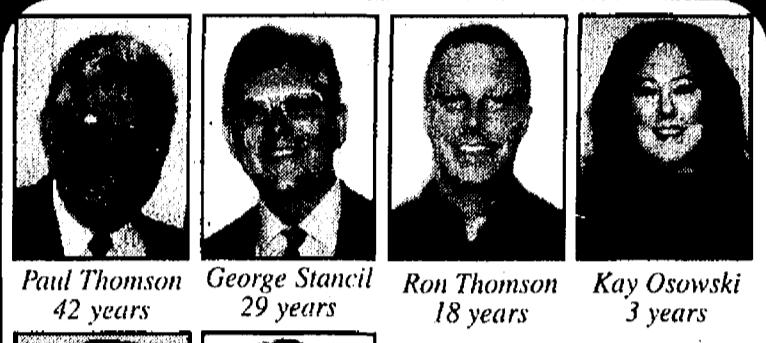


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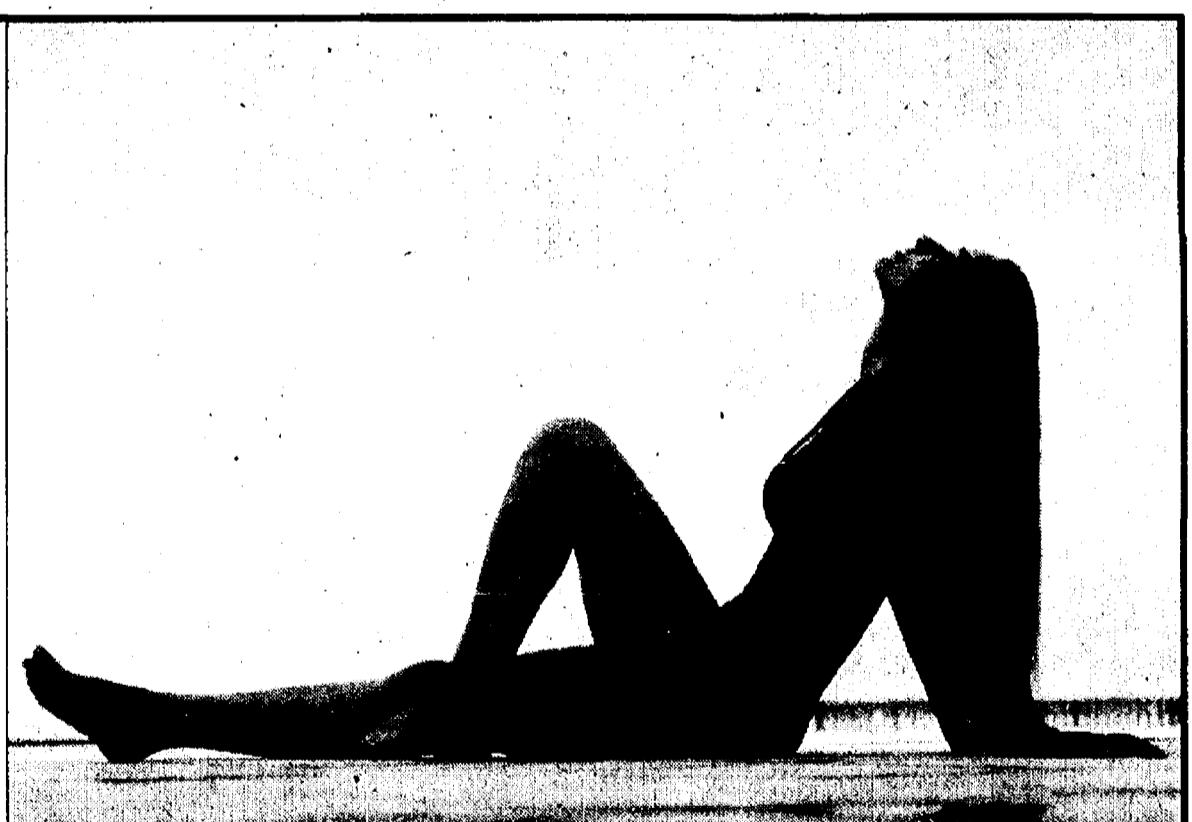
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# Vikings prepare for 2003 season



The GHS varsity baseball team's coaching staff: Head Coach Bob Gorski (left) and Assistant Coach John Schneider (right).



Varsity team infielders Joe Zelek (left) and Lee Schreiber (right).

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky A. Kelly and Michael P. Kelly, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Fairbank Mortgage, Mortgagor, dated June 22, 1998, and recorded on August 18, 1998 in Liber 461 on Page 136 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagor to the ContiMortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated June 25, 1998, which was recorded on November 4, 1998, in Liber 467 on Page 125, Crawford County Records, on

which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventeen Thousand Eighteen and 27/100 dollars (\$17,018.27), including interest at 9.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 33 of AuSable Woods No. 3, a Subdivision of part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, and a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, according to the recorded plat thereof, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 3, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team R (248) 593-1305  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200231876  
Team R

-03-10-17-24

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN Probate Court COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

File No. 03-6613-NC

In the matter of Melissa Lynn Boillard  
NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at 1:45 p.m. in the courtroom of Grayling, Michigan before Judge John G. Hunter to hear a Petition to Change Name from Melissa Lynn Boillard to Melissa Lynn Riley.

Date: April 9, 2003

Melissa Lynn Boillard

P.O. Box 184

Grayling, MI 49738

989/348-4055

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attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Parcel "P": The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Township of Maple Forest. Also a 1993 Fairmont Mobile Home, Serial #MY9488763.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

-17-24-01-08

hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety and 88/100 Dollars (\$184,190.88), including interest at 8.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on May 21, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Parcel B: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes East, along the North 1/8 line of said Section 24, 412.35 feet to the center line of Twin Bridge Road; thence South 25 degrees 38 minutes East, 645 feet to the place of beginning; thence North 64 degrees 22 minutes East, 353.95 feet to the right bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 34 minutes East, along said river bank, 100 feet; thence South 53 degrees 10 minutes West, 113.91 feet; thence South 64 degrees 22' minutes West, 305.18 feet; thence North 25 degrees 38 minutes West, 100 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West. Parcel C: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes East, along the North 1/8 line of said Section 24, 412.35 feet to the center line of Twin Bridge Road; thence South 25 degrees 38 minutes East, 745 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 64 degrees 22 minutes East, 305.18 feet; thence North 53 degrees 10 minutes East, 113.91 feet to the right bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River; thence South 86 degrees 58 minutes East, along said river bank, 100 feet; thence South 44 degrees West, 214.12 feet; thence South 64 degrees 22 minutes West, 303.88 feet; thence North 25 degrees 38 minutes West, 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the Registered Holders of the ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-NCI, assignment dated March 27, 2003 and received by and recorded in Crawford County Records on April 3, 2002, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date

Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One and 87/100 dollars (\$29,621.87), including interest at 8.700% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 20 feet of the Northwest 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Lot 5, Block 4, Martha Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team W (248) 593-1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200316954

-17-24-01-08

## Foreclosure Notice

### Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Christopher R. Rollins and Aimee Lynn Rollins Rollins, aka Aimee Lynn Rollins, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated September 11, 2002 and recorded on October 1, 2002 in Liber 597 page 426, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$51,899.99.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13 per cent, foreclosure costs,

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Fred E. Simpson, a single man to New Century Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagor, dated April 22, 2002 and recorded May 1, 2002 in Liber 579 on Page 607, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the Registered Holders of the ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-NCI, assignment dated March 27, 2003 and received by and recorded in Crawford County Records on April 3, 2002, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the Registered Holders of the ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2002-NCI, Assignee of Mortgagee  
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
36150 Dequindre Rd. Ste 810  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 795-4400 Ext 111  
Our File No.: 03-13292

-17-24-01-08-13

A public hearing of the Lovells Township Zoning Board has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at the Lovells Township Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to accept comments on the proposed update to the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the draft ordinance, which is available for inspection by contacting the township supervisor or clerk at 989-348-9215. The township office hours are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. The draft ordinance will also be available for inspection at the library in the township hall. Library hours are the same as for the township offices plus noon - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Written comments may be addressed to Lovells Township Zoning Board, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 and should be received prior to the public hearing.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance Update

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2003  
Lovells Township Hall  
8405 Twin Bridge Road

On April 9, 2003, Mio District Ranger Michael J. Weber signed a decision to implement the Thrasher Project. This project is located in Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Sections 33 and 34 in Crawford County, Michigan. This decision includes the following actions: 1) harvest by clearcutting approximately 245 acres of jack pine, 2) construct approximately 1.0 miles of temporary roads to remove forest products, 3) reforest the clearcut areas to jack pine (approximately 242 acres) where natural regeneration does not occur to create Kirtland's warbler breeding habitat, 4) harvest approximately 11 acres of jack pine to establish fuel breaks adjacent to private property, 5) obliterate approximately 0.3 miles of two-track road (Forest Road 3108) not needed for public transportation or management purposes, 6) install a wooden "Huron National Forest" portal sign and a temporary informational sign along Chase Bridge Road.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.7 by those who provided comments on this specific project prior to the close of the 30-day comment period. A written Notice of Appeal must be submitted within 45 days of the date that notice of this decision is published in the Oscoda County Herald. However, when the 45-day filing period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the filing time is extended to the next Federal working day. The Notice of Appeal must be sent to:

USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Region  
ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer (RFO)

310 West Wisconsin Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53203

Appeals must meet content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Detailed records of the environmental analysis are available for public review at the Mio Ranger District, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647 or by phone at (989) 826-3252, TTY (989) 826-3592.

If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for 15 days following the date of appeal disposition.

File No. 200.0789

27-03-10-17-24

## Public Auction Sale

Under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described below has been seized for non-payment of internal revenue taxes due from RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT CO. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by Internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations, 04/22/2003, 11:00 AM, 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE., GRAYLING, MI 49738 (BASEMENT LEVEL).

Only the right, title and interest of RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT CO. in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold.

Real Property located in the State of Michigan, City of Grayling, County of Crawford, and further described as: The Southwesterly 40.0 feet of Lots 5 and 6, all of Lot 7, and the Northerly 50 feet of Lot 8, Block 8, of the Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 02 Crawford County Records.

Approximately 5,000 square feet block wall building, commercial zoning, lot size 110' X 180'.  
AKA: 102 Ottawa Street, Grayling, MI MINIMUM BID: \$63,032.07.

Property may be inspected at: DRIVE BY ONLY, 102 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan.

Full payment required on acceptance of highest bid.

All payments must be made by cash, certified check, cashier's or treasurer's check or by a United States postal, bank, express, or telegraph money order. Make check or money order payable to the Internal Revenue Service. FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.ustreas.gov/auctions/irs OR CALL: IRS-PALS

Bettye Myatt  
22600 Hall Rd., Ste. 102  
Clinton Township, MI 48036  
586-493-4555

-3-10-17

the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 11, 2003  
Bodman, Longley & Dahlberg LLP  
Amy J. Durant (P5477)  
Debt Collector for First National  
Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street  
P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

-20-27-03-10-17

## STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 00-5181-CK  
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
D. Jerome Slack, As Trustee  
of the D. Jerome Slack Trust  
U/A/D June 26, 1981, Plaintiff

v  
Paul W. Schroeder, Colleen  
Schroeder, jointly and severally, and  
Barnstormers, Inc., a Michigan corporation,  
d/b/a Red Barn, d/b/a  
Margretheville, Defendants,  
Thomas R. Alward (P31724)  
Brant, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
231-941-9660

### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

1. On August 16, 2002, the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure in this matter.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment of Foreclosure on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., at a public auction to be held in the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants, Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, in and to the real property described as follows:

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 12, T26N, R4W; thence S 89° 37' W along the South line of Section 12, 737.6 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence N73° 15' W along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 451.8 feet to the intersection of the Northerly right-of-way of M-93 for Point of Beginning; thence S 58° 30' W along the Northerly right-of-way of M-93, 431.3 feet; thence N 0° 21' W, 336.5 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence S 73° 15' E along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 386.2 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of Section 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

3. The sale of the Property shall be as a single parcel free and clear of all easements, liens, encumbrances and claims arising since August 9, 1999, the date that the Mortgage was recorded at the Crawford County Register of Deeds. The sale is subject to liens and other restrictions recorded before August 9, 1999 none of which are foreclosed by the Judgment of Foreclosure.

4. Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all equity of redemption, and claim of, in, and to the Mortgaged Property, if not redeemed within six months from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 10, 2003  
Thomas R. Alward, Esq. (P31724)  
Brant, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817

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## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man (original mortgagors) to Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger and/or name change to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagor, dated September 11, 1997, and recorded on September 12, 1997 in Liber 437 on Page 582 in Crawford County Records,

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee may rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 27, 2003  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage-MI LLC, As Mortgagor  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000

-17-24-01-08-13

A request to construct a 20' x 32' addition to the rear of an existing 700 sq. ft. structure, bringing the sq. footage up to 1,340 sq. ft.

Case #2002-3 Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance Update

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the draft ordinance, which is available for inspection

# FACTS AND FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**April 17, 1980**

Termed a "tentative preliminary budget," figures unveiled for the 1980-81 school budget were predicted on the basis that no millage increase will be sought for next year. Operating expenditures of \$3,686,683 were expected to match anticipated revenues in the same amount.

Mt. Hope Lutheran's new church, now undergoing final touches for a May 18 Dedication Service, will contain one of the most unusual altars found in any house of worship anywhere.

The base of the altar is fashioned from fieldstones gathered from the Grayling area and the top was curved and formed from an oak tree estimated to be in the neighborhood of 200 years old.

Mrs. Bergenia Love of Grayling received a Certificate of Appreciation from Recruiter Sgt. Donald Rhymer of Gaylord. Her son, Dennis, was inducted into the Army, following in the footsteps of four other Love brothers.

On April 25, the Ms. Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant will be held. The beautiful ladies participating are: Fran Olson, Ann Buron, Mildred Seltzoff, Lillian Smith, Treva Engel, Blanche Rushton and Lucille Hoffman.

Lillian Wolf has become a director of the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, and as such, is establishing a chapter in Grayling. Kary Moshier, Kathy Lovely and Mildred Johnson attended the first business meeting of the new chapter.

Mac Distributing Company officials and local dignitaries gathered Saturday for the official ribbon cutting ceremonies at the company's newly-opened operation in the Grayling Industrial Park.

Former Grayling High School football standout, Will Roach, welcomes Billy Lucksted, a Grayling High School senior, to Grand Valley State College. Lucksted, who made all-conference and honorable mention All-State this past season, has signed a football grant to Grand Valley State. He plans on playing wide receiver there.

Sixteen radar detectors or "fuzz busters" have been confiscated by the sheriff's deputies, in a crackdown on speeders and others in possession of the devices which are prohibited by state law.

Thomas E. Kent, Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney, will resign his post in May to accept a position out of the Grayling area.

### 46 Years Ago

**April 18, 1957**

A sand slide last Thursday afternoon where workmen were digging a basement for the new Dawson store, caused a portion of the rear wall of the Davis Jewelry store to collapse into the excavation with extensive damage. Luckily no one was injured in the mishap.

The scheduled track meet between Grayling and Houghton Lake at Houghton Lake was postponed because the track is still

covered by ice and snow. Cold and stormy spring weather has hurt the Grayling track team as their outdoor training time has been nil.

The trout contest sponsored by the Grayling Sportsmen's Club and the Sophomore Class of Grayling High will offer 23 prizes. The contest is split into three divisions and the fish will be judged on weight alone.

The Grayling Glee Club was given a high rating at the Michigan State Vocal Glee Club Festival held in Grayling last Thursday.

Free "Heart of the Home" classes in work-simplification techniques, to teach Crawford County homemakers to do their daily housework simpler and easier with less strain on their hearts will be offered in Grayling on May 2.

The Fourth Annual Grayling Trade Show sponsored by the Woman's Club was termed highly successful as over 2,000 people attended the event.

More than 50 Grayling merchants displaying everything from automobiles and trucks down to items as small as trout flies filled the gymnasium.

Student Council day at Grayling High School was April 4, with registration of 34 student council members from Boyne City, East Jordan, Gaylord, Charlevoix and Pellston attending. Students discussed many topics of interest to their schools and communities.

### 69 Years Ago

**April 19, 1934**

The Board of Supervisors of Crawford County has made arrangements for the services of a

County Agricultural Agent who will work in Crawford, Otsego and Montmorency counties.

The High School dance sponsored by the Hi-Y Club was a great success. The big feature of the night was a grand march led by Bob LaMotte which left everyone breathless and flushed.

Spike's Beer Garden is featuring Estelle Calloway, sister of Cab Calloway and her 14 piece band. The orchestra is making its first appearance into Northern Michigan, and it is the first of its kind to come to this part of Michigan with the best artists and stars from Radio Land.

Sam Smith is enjoying his broadcasting apparatus. There are about 40,000 broadcasting plants similar to his on the air and frequently he contacts stations in remote parts of the country. Sam's broadcasting set is homemade, but seems to be able to reach a broad field.

### 92 Years Ago

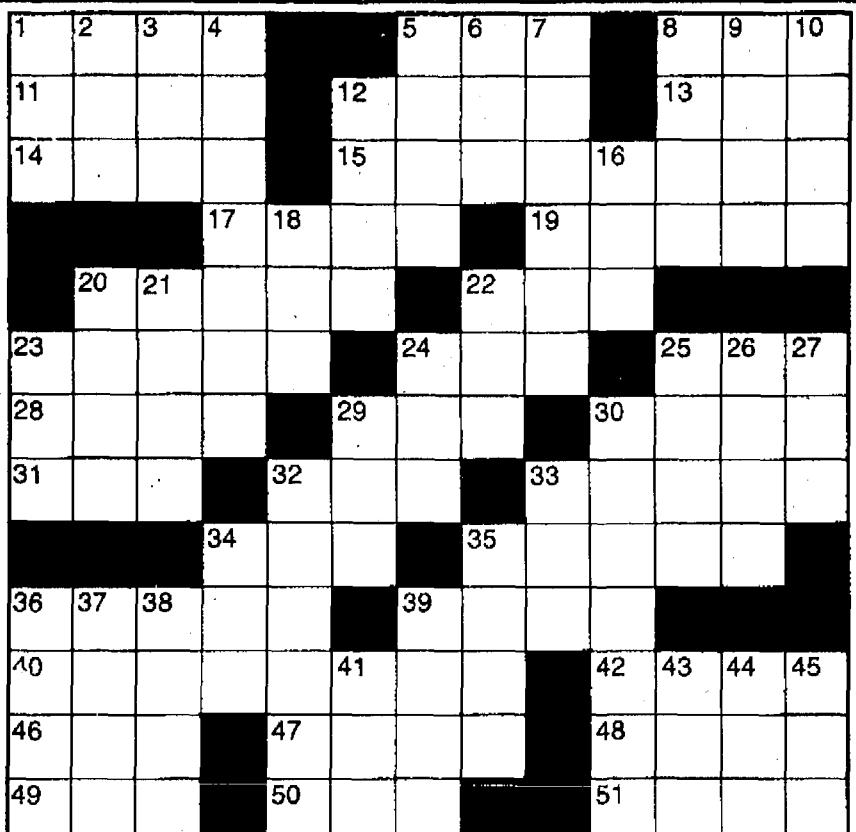
**April 20, 1911**

Highway Commissioner Peck started teams on repair work last Monday evening and Street Commissioner Nelson will soon have the village streets as clean as silk.

Snow squalls gave us three inches of "beautiful snow" Saturday, and during the night the mercury fell to 18 degrees. Sunday was fair, but too cold for comfort in light Easter gowns.

The Board of Supervisors have been in session this week, adjourning yesterday. Supervisor Hanna of Beaver Creek was elected chairman.

# CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1. Hound's hanger-on
- 5. Oriental sash
- 8. Vehicle in X-Files: *Fight The Future*
- 11. Shrike
- 12. "Faster \_\_\_\_ a speeding bullet..."
- 13. Dainty drink
- 14. "Or \_\_\_\_ at long last love?" (2 wds.)
- 15. Balm
- 17. Therefore: Lat.
- 19. General helpers
- 20. Sam's barmaid
- 22. Nipper's co.
- 23. Movie shots
- 24. Large tank
- 25. Paw Clappett
- 28. Surprise attack
- 29. Actor Neill
- 30. Immortal
- 31. Massachusetts cape
- 32. "Top \_\_\_\_"
- 33. Christie of "Darling"
- 34. New York's Tappan \_\_\_\_ Bridge
- 35. Isolated hill
- 36. Cap bill
- 39. Utah's state flower
- 40. Footstools
- 42. LeBlanc or Dillon
- 46. "Ode \_\_\_\_ Nightingale" (2 wds.)
- 47. Minor Prophet
- 48. Amaryllis plant
- 49. Chang's closest relative
- 50. Arrest
- 51. Submissive

### DOWN

- 1. Know-it-all's memo init.
- 2. \_\_\_\_ Adieu (Beethoven)
- 3. George Bush, e.g.
- 4. Modified
- 5. The Buckeye State
- 6. Interdiction
- 7. Unbroken
- 8. Exploited
- 9. A-OK
- 10. Makes a choice
- 12. *Animal House* costume
- 16. One of Frank's exes
- 18. Literary monogram
- 20. *The Godfather* actor
- 21. Of the same stock
- 22. Butt
- 23. \_\_\_\_-la-la
- 24. Mayflower vehicle
- 25. Cast aside
- 26. Southernmost Great Lake
- 27. Anil, e.g.
- 29. Dion's "Runaround" girl
- 30. Self-service restaurant
- 32. \_\_\_\_ measles
- 33. Moonshiner's container
- 34. Place for a gun
- 35. Elizabeth's nickname
- 36. Go to the polls
- 37. "Blame \_\_\_\_ The Bossa Nova" (2 wds.)
- 38. Doe's mate
- 39. One with a select guest list
- 41. Sawbones' org.
- 43. Pie \_\_\_\_ mode
- 44. Author Wolfe
- 45. Item in Tiger Woods' pocket

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

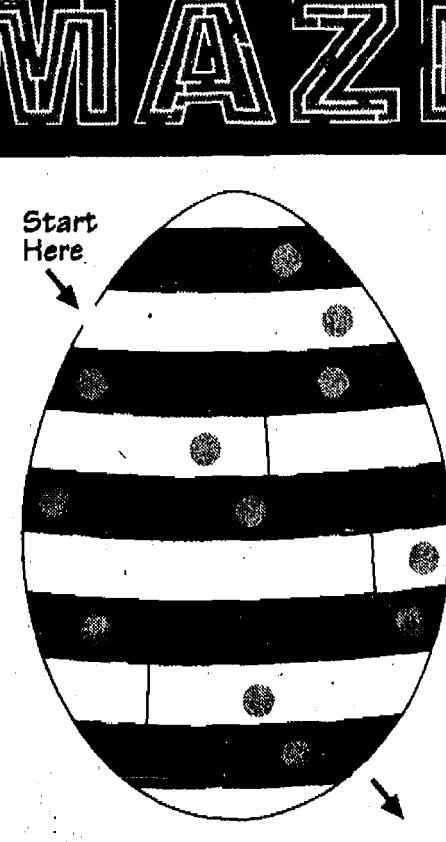
### Sassy Blackeyed Salsa

1 (16 oz.) bag frozen blackeyed peas, thawed  
1 (15 1/4 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained  
2/3 cup diced red bell pepper  
2/3 cup diced red onion  
2 tablespoons seeded and minced jalapeno pepper  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
3 tablespoons lime juice  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
1 tablespoon minced garlic  
2 packets NatraTaste® sugar substitute •

1 teaspoon ground cumin  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Fresh cilantro sprigs, optional

In large bowl, combine first 5 ingredients; set aside. In small bowl, combine cilantro, lime juice, vinegar, garlic; NatraTaste and cumin; mix well. Pour cilantro mixture over blackeyed pea mixture; toss to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or overnight. Garnish with fresh cilantro, if desired. Serve with baked tortilla chips or as side dish. Makes 8 servings.

### MAZE

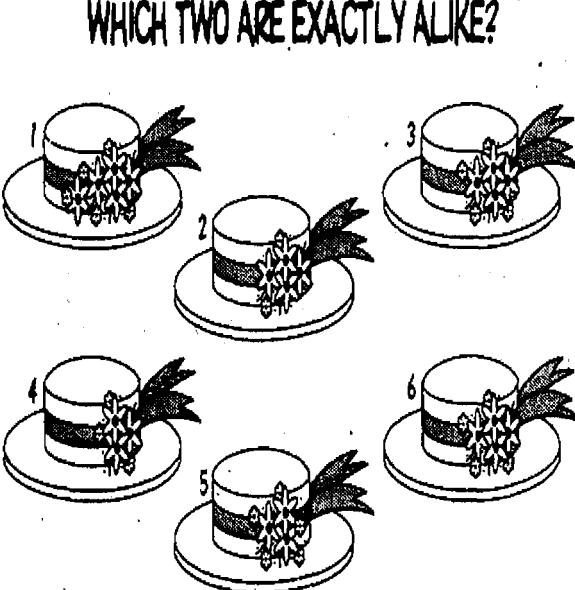


### DID YOU KNOW

Twenty-four-karat gold contains a small amount of copper.

### FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



### Adopt a Pet



Tony is a great little guy. He is a Terrier mix about 2 years old. He is neutered, has all of his vaccinations, and has been heartworm tested. He is housebroken and seems to be all right with children and other animals. He just needs someone to take him home and love him. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter was especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, and Wild Animal-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**

**Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall**

**Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am**

**After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117**

### HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 17, 2003



It's amazing how much you have accomplished this week. Treat yourself to something special, like dinner at one of your favorite restaurants or a piece of jewelry you have been admiring.



It's time to get moving on a home improvement project. You have the extra money and hands needed to complete the project, so get busy.



An argument erupts between two of your neighbors. Do your best to keep the situation under control and all will turn out well.



You are more popular than you realize. Your coworkers not only value your input, but are fighting over your ideas.



You made a mistake and it's time to confess. Speaking up now will prevent further heartache. Don't forget to return an important phone call.



A young friend has received excellent news. Go ahead and make a fuss. They deserve it. A deadline at work is drawing near. Buckle down and get busy!



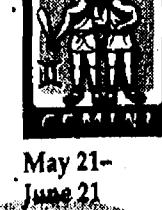
Don't let a business associate's observation shatter your confidence. Your performance is usually up to par, but lately you've been distracted by a situation at home. Vow to do better and move on.



The project you've been working on for several weeks is finally finished, and it's time to have some fun. Go to a game, see a movie or take a walk in the park.



An elderly friend is acting out of character. Find out what is going on and do what you can to help. Your budget needs some attention.



Because of your attention to detail and your superb organizational skills, you may be asked to take over a project at work. Go for it!

### WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

#### Last Week

Date	H	L	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
4/8	39	13						
4/9	50	13						
4/10	61	21						
4/11	63	27						
4/12	58	20						
4/13	60	21						
4/14	79	42						
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Nice three bedroom home was renovated in 1997 to include new kitchen cabinets, Formica tops and new floor coverings. Home also features 1 & 1/2 baths, attached insulated garage, decking, and shed. Includes range, dishwasher and refrigerator in garage. \$78,500 #5092



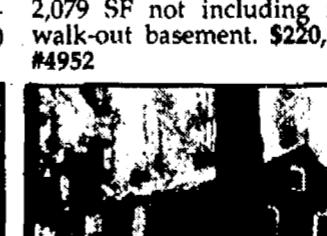
Remodeled three bedroom ranch style home with nice custom cabinets. This property is very close to State Land and Higgins Lake State Park. Easy access to hunting areas and snowmobile trails. \$89,000 #5078



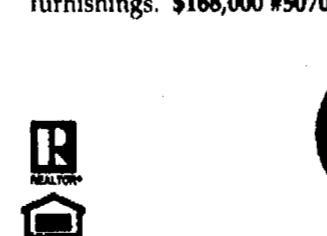
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Enjoy the serenity of AuSable River front living amongst the pines yet still have the convenience of being close to town. This spotless full log home features two bedrooms w/ built in dressers, 2 1/2 baths, walk out basement with large workroom, fireplace, wrap around deck, and newer carpeting, vinyl and more... \$239,500 #5081



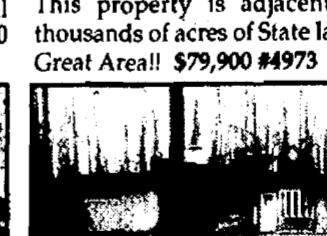
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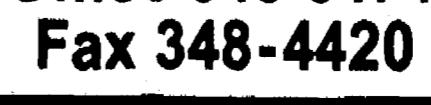


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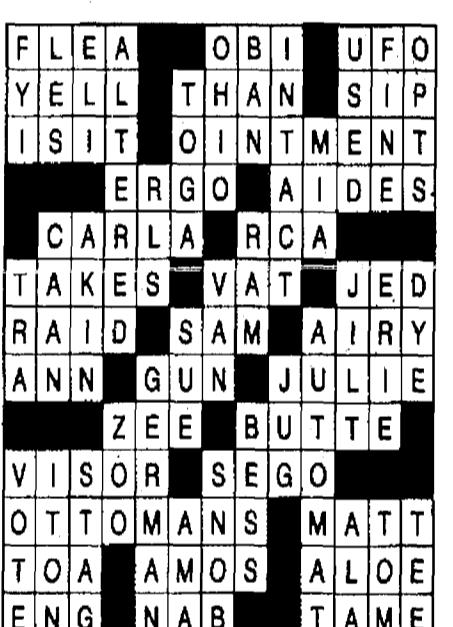
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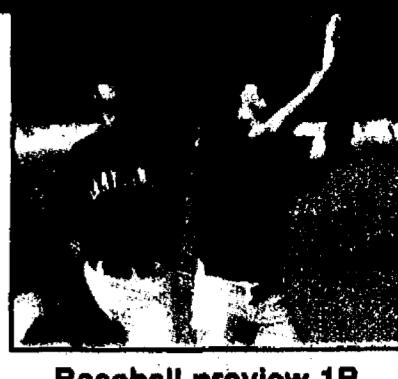
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## Teen requests different judge for sentencing

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

A 19-year Grayling woman who pled guilty in January for delivery of a controlled substance and breaking and entering, has requested a new judge for the sentencing phase of her case.

Stephanie Sue Mitchell was to be sentenced April 10 by 46th Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy, but once the judge informed her that a victim in the case was employed by the court, he offered to step aside and allow a judge from outside of the circuit to handle the sentencing, as a matter of adhering to rules of ethics and procedure. After consulting with her attorney, Mitchell agreed to the change.

Mitchell's charges stem from an incident last October when after breaking into two homes, she and some friends partied in a room at a local motel. Mitchell had made a trade earlier with a local man involving a stolen television and \$50 for a Fentanyl patch -- a powerful painkiller.

Once Mitchell found she did not like the effects of the patch after wearing it for a short time, she offered it to 24-year old Shea Simpson, who opened the patch, ate the contents and later died of an apparent overdose.

Mitchell faces up to seven years in prison or a \$10,000 fine on the drug charge and 10 years in prison on the felony breaking and entering charge.

Under the plea agreement, if she is sentenced to more than 12 months in the county jail, Continued on Page 3A

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## Fire officials warn of extreme danger

► Fire fighters are on high alert as incidents of fire on the increase

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

In past few days, local fire fighters have handled a rash of wildfires they feel could have been prevented.

Two fires in Grayling Township on Saturday, April 12 were actually burning under a permit from the Department of Natural Resources. The only problem with the fires was that they were left unattended and could have caused a major disaster had they gotten out of control. No further burn permits have been issued since Saturday at 6 p.m.

Fortunately, a concerned citizen spotted the smoke and embers of stumps being burned near M-72 West and M-93. Grayling and DNR fire fighters



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

**Andrea Nygard and Shirley Vanderveer spent a few days last week, along with members of the Grayling Promotional Association and other members of the community, dressing up Grayling with about 200 yellow ribbons, symbolizing support for our troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the promise of a warm welcome when they get home.**



Photo courtesy of Crawford County Sheriff's Office

**These burning embers were left unattended by the holder of a DNR burn permit. Fire fighters were called last Saturday evening to extinguish several piles of smoldering stumps in the M-72/M-93 area to avoid a large wildfire situation. The permit holder will most likely face hefty fines.**

smoking material tossed from a car window. "Cigarettes are not a major cause of these types of fires, but the conditions were right -- with the hot sun and warm winds blowing -- to really help this fire grow quickly," he said.

The DNR and local fire departments urge everyone to

be careful with fire and anything that could spark a fire during this time of year.

"We don't want a repeat of 1990," said Grayling Fire Department Safety Officer Travis Roberts.

A new bulletin with instructions on how to keep your home and family safe from wildfire

will be available soon at the Michigan State University Extension office. The office is located in the basement of the Crawford County Building or call 344-3264. Ask for bulletin #E2831.

Other information on preventing wildfires is available through local fire departments.

## Grayling Fire Chief hospitalized

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

Longtime Grayling Fire Chief Duane Brooks was taken by ambulance to Grayling Mercy Hospital early Monday evening, April 14, after he radioed for help while suffering a heart attack.

Chief Brooks had just arrived at the Beaver Creek Fire Hall to assist his own personnel, and that of Beaver Creek and the DNR, in a battle with a grass fire along US-127.

Proving his dedication to the job by never being too far away from a radio, Chief Brooks could be heard on the police scanner intercepting the conversation of two fire fighters asking about his condition and looking for an update on Tuesday afternoon. Chief Brooks seemed to be in good spirits and responded that he was on his way to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City for more extensive cardiac treatment.

The whole community wishes Chief Brooks a speedy recovery.

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## "Letters from Home"

The Crawford County Avalanche invites the parents and loved ones of active duty U.S. military members -- serving stateside or overseas, in any branch of the military -- to submit the mailing addresses of those service members for publication in upcoming editions of our newspaper.

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The Letters from Home campaign is our way of saying "Thank You" to the men and women serving our nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom. We strongly encourage participation to allow each of our local service members to receive words of encouragement and news from the home front.

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## City, county to split grant match for study

► Possible land deal between the two to be decided after the study

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

At a special meeting last Wednesday, the Grayling City Council approved spending up to \$12,500 to help cover the cost of matching funds for a \$50,000 planning grant through the Michigan Economic Development Committee (MEDC).

Wednesday night's special meeting was the result of a request from the Crawford County Building Exploratory Committee (BEC). The meeting was devoted to discussion of the planning grant and the county's plan to possibly vacate its premises and sell the land to a local developer and relocate the courthouse and jail elsewhere.

Local businessman Bill Gannon, who purchased the land adjacent to the county building (the Bear Archery property on M-72 West), has offered to buy the county land. Gannon is currently working on Phase I of his development -- the Bear Archery property -- which includes construction of a restaurant, an assisted living facility for seniors, and a pizzeria, he said. Phase II, which can only happen if the county vacates its site and sells Gannon the land, involves extension of Michigan Avenue to M-72 West through the development area, he said.

As a result of Gannon's proposal, the county is now looking for a "cost-neutral" way to relocate its facility, said Paul Compo, County Controller and chairman of the BEC. The county is looking into several grants -- including block grants from the MEDC that pay \$25,000 for each new job created -- and narrowing its search for a potential new site for its facility.

Also, if the courthouse is sold, the county's Brownfield Authority will likely be involved in the redevelopment of the land. (A Brownfield Authority can be used to help relocate public

buildings in some cases -- including this one.)

As a first step, the BEC wants to pursue a \$50,000 planning grant through MEDC. Half of the sum, however, must be matching funds. The planning grant would be used to pay for a study "to determine economic impact, to pave the way for future block grants, and to demonstrate local interest/support for the project," the BEC stated.

According to BEC, specific initial objectives of the study will include:

- 1) "Complete an inventory of local infrastructure, especially that related to the needs of business" including "the highway system, the local power plant, telecommunications system, water, sewer, etc.";

- 2) "Complete an inventory of the current businesses located in the City of Grayling" including "business type and number of employees";

- 3) "Complete planning with the potential developer of the types of business planned";

- 4) "Develop a detailed list of the infrastructure improvements needed in order to adequately service (the possible new developments)" including cost estimates;

- 5) "Determine economic impact" of the possible new developments including "job creation, business needs, future growth, etc. within the development area and the existing business district";

- 6) "Identify all available resources, parameters, limitations, and prerequisites that would be available to offset the costs involved relating to all phases of this development."

At last Wednesday's special meeting, members of the BEC and city council discussed the planning grant/study and the proposed move of the county building (and the land's subsequent redevelopment).

Mayor Dave Wyman expressed concern that the move may not help the city's finances. "If a great majority of the money goes somewhere else, then maybe it is not beneficial to the city," he said.

If the Brownfield Authority is involved, it would capture at least some property tax increases at the development site for as long as it takes to pay off the Brownfield's costs associated

with the project. (The increases can be split between the Brownfield Authority and the city's general fund or the city's Downtown Development Authority -- if it is created, the county's Brownfield consultant said.)

Wyman noted that the development would result in added responsibilities for the city's fire department, police department, snow removal operation, and water/sewer system, resulting in more cost to the city's general fund.

Wyman said the proposed development would provide added revenue to the city's income tax fund through creation of jobs within the city, but the city's income tax fund can only be used to fund capital improvements and street work -- not pay salaries and cover day-to-day city expenses.

Councilman Tom Wellman said the city may not benefit in the near future from the proposed development, but in 15-20 years when the Brownfield Authority's costs are paid off through its tax capture plan, the land would be added to the city's tax rolls and help the city's finances at that point.

Councilman Dennis Palmer said he felt the proposed development would improve the overall economic health of the area, bring in even more new businesses, and help those that are already in place.

From the audience, Wayne Koppa said the Master Plan created by the city and Grayling Township says there may be too much commercial area in Grayling already. Koppa said the county property, if vacated, might be better utilized as a park/recreation area. He said it might be more beneficial to the area to concentrate on filling the empty storefronts that are currently in place and improve the existing downtown.

"It's my opinion that we should fix up downtown so people want to stop," he said.

Compo said the proposed study "should show if the new development will be viable." He said it is possible the study will show "negative impact to downtown or the move (of the county facility)."

Councilman Roger Moshier moved to approve up to \$12,500 of city money for the planning

grant. Palmer provided a second. More discussion ensued.

City officials asked if the city's engineering firm, Gosling Czubak, could be the one to conduct the study.

A representative of Gosling Czubak explained that the grant process would include "selection by qualification" of a firm to do the study, and even if the council voted to specify a firm "it may not survive the grant process." He advised the council to not "hinge (its decision on the planning grant contribution) on who does the work."

Moshier amended his motion. The new motion -- that the city would contribute up to \$12,500 for the planning grant with the city's engineering firm used as in-kind match where possible -- received a second from Palmer. The motion passed 3-1, with Wyman voting "no."

The county will pay the other half of the \$25,000 grant match, Compo said.

The meeting then moved into discussion of possible sites for the county to relocate. The BEC has narrowed the search to four different possibilities -- one being the five acres of city land next to the new city hall on North Down River Road near the Grayling Army Airfield.

A new county facility would have to be built inside the city limits because it has to be located within the county seat, Compo said.

County Commissioner Dave Stephenson said it would be beneficial to have both police offices next to each other, and having both governmental buildings side by side.

Palmer agreed. He said one of the county's four remaining options -- a 17-acre piece of county property located behind Grayling Power Equipment and North Country Lodge -- would make a "lousy spot" for a new county building, but would make a good place for the city to install a recreation area, and he suggested the county consider a land swap with the city. "A trade would save money for the county because you wouldn't have to buy any land," he said.

By consensus, the council decided not to act on the issue of the city property until the results of the study are in.

The study is expected to take 2-4 months.

## Hearings for Natural River designation set

The public comment period will remain open until June 8, 2003.

Copies of the draft Management Plans can be found on the internet at [www.Michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.Michigan.gov/dnr), or by requesting a copy at the address given above or in person from the County Clerk's office in those counties scheduled for public hearing.

Following the public comment period, both draft Management Plans and the public comment record will be submitted to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources for review and final decision regarding Natural River designation.

There will be 12 hearings throughout the state from April 28 through May 8. The three closest hearings are in the Kalkaska High School Auditorium, located at 109 N. Birch Street in Kalkaska. This hearing will be held Thursday, May 1, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. An information session will be held from 6-7 p.m. that evening.

On Saturday, May 3 the information session will be from 1-2 p.m. and the public hearing will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School Cafeteria, located at 500 Spruce Street.

The Otsego County hearing will be on Monday, May 5, with the information hearing at 6 p.m. and the public hearing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Gaylord Intermediate School located at 240 4th Street in Gaylord.

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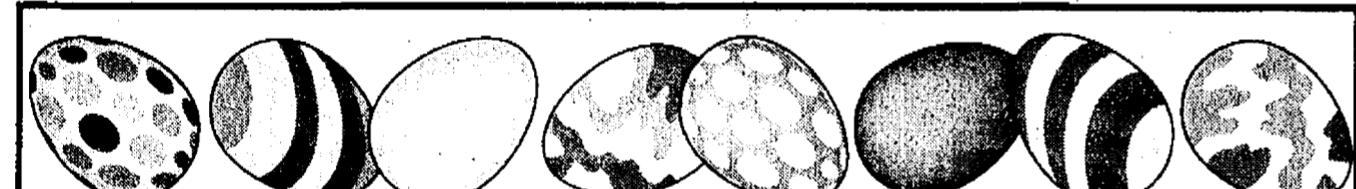
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# Grayling nets another lottery jackpot winner

► Store where ticket was bought has sold other big winners in past

Chad Flowers, of Grayling, "magically" turned two dollars into a \$10,000 top cash prize recently when he scratched off a Michigan Lottery "Magic Money" instant game ticket.

The lucky winner, who works as a coordinator at Interstate Doors, purchased the winning ticket at Ole Dam Party Store in Grayling.

The Ole Dam Party Store has sold two top prize winning tickets in the past two years. Prior to Flowers' \$10,000 winning ticket, the store sold a \$13,669 Michigan Rolldown jackpot-winning ticket and a \$150,000 Big Game winning ticket.

"We are always excited to learn that one of our customers has won a prize," said Mark Hartman, Ole Dam Party Store owner. "The last three big winners have come back to the store to tell us about their good fortune and thank us for selling them a lucky ticket."

Hartman said that his regular Lottery customers are always interested in finding out which clerk sold the most recent big prize-winning ticket so they can buy their tickets from that particular clerk.

"When players find out which clerk has recently sold a big winning ticket, they will tell the clerk that he or she is their lucky charm," Hartman explained. "Selling so many top prize winning tickets really helps with our Lottery business."

Flowers told Lottery officials that he purchased the ticket at the store and then went home to scratch it off. When he learned he had won a \$10,000 prize, he was absolutely shocked.

"At first I couldn't believe I had a winning ticket," said Flowers. "I immediately told my wife that we had won and asked her to double-check the ticket for me. We both then decided to take it back to the store to have them confirm that it was a \$10,000 winning ticket!"

Flowers is a regular customer at the Ole Dam Party Store and was thankful to the party store for selling him a winning ticket.

"I am happy to be a Lottery retailer," said Hartman. "Knowing that we might sell another big winner is thrilling for all of us that work here."

Prior to turning the winning ticket in at an official Lottery bank claim center in Gaylord, the winner said he kept it in his pocket at all times to ensure its safety. Flowers, who enjoys fishing and playing softball in his spare time, added that he plans to use his winnings to pay bills.

## 'Shop Grayling First' cards now available

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) has invited local businesses to participate in its main fund-raiser and created the "Shop Grayling First" discount card.

The new 2003 Shop Grayling First card, now available from any GPA member or at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, includes 68 participating businesses and a total of 272 money-saving offers. Cards are priced at \$25 each and offer a total savings of over \$2,000.

The card would make a

great gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, bridal showers, and graduation.

The 2003 Shop Grayling First card's offers are valid from now until April 30, 2004, giving the holder more than a year of saving opportunities.

The GPA, whose mission is to promote the Grayling area and its many assets and attributes, has created the card to encourage residents and visitors to support local businesses, thus helping the local economy.

GPA will use all monies raised from the Shop Grayling First Card for its many community projects.

## 'Take Back the Night' walk planned April 28

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and to raise awareness about sexual violence, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services is inviting the community to join its staff in a "Take Back the Night" walk.

The first Take Back the Night event began in England in 1977 as a women-only protest against the violence and fear women encountered walking the streets at night. The first Take Back the Night rally in the United States was held in San Francisco in 1978 to protest violence against women, particularly sexual violence.

leance.

The intent of the "walk" is to raise a collective voice against sexual violence and have an impact of a unified message. River House Shelter's Take Back the Night walk will consist of a walk from the former River House Shelter (meet at Grayling Mercy Hospital's Emergency Department entrance) to the new facility on April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Both men and women are invited to join the staff in this worthwhile cause.

Participants are invited to stay for a potluck dinner after the walk.

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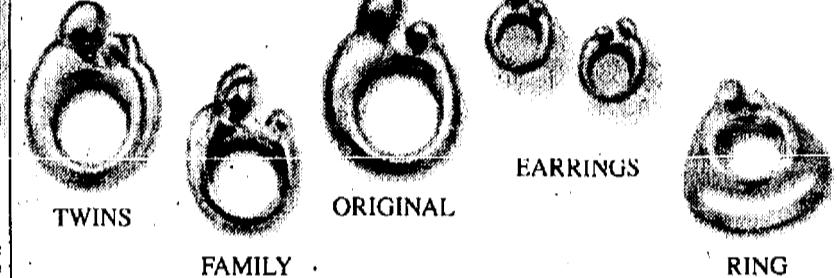


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## Armed robber receives long prison term

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Matt was sentenced to 135 months to 25 years in state prison for one count of felony armed robbery and two to five years for one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. The prison time on these two charges will be

served concurrently.

Matt will serve an additional two years in prison for one count of possession of a firearm by a felon, although Judge Murphy said he felt more time should be imposed for this violation of the law.

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## Teen requests different judge for sentencing

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Mitchell has the option of withdrawing her guilty pleas and all charges against her will be reinstated.

Prosecutor John Huss said Mitchell should be sentenced within 21 days.

Mitchell has not been charged in the death of Simpson.



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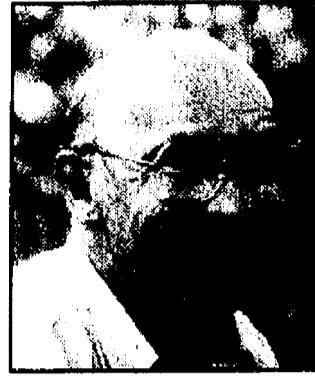
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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Capitol harmony starting to unravel

IT ONLY TOOK a couple of months for the hugs and kisses between Michigan's Democratic governor and Republican controlled legislature to turn into something else.

Governor Jennifer Granholm in her early days in office reached out for harmony and cooperation under the capitol dome, and legislative leaders responded in kind.

The welfare of the state was front and center in both camps.

Then came Governor Granholm's State of the State message, which was received pretty well by both political sides, although Republican legislators offered some critical appraisals here and there.

But that was followed by the Granholm budget, and the seeds of political discord were sown.

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ALAS, LASTING PEACE was not to be.

Politics being what it is -- with turf protection added for good measure --

eventual disruption was foreordained. It was only a matter of time.

One problem is that Democrats are Democrats and Republicans are Republicans, and there's a Democrat in the governor's chair and Republicans in control of both chambers of the legislature.

Another is that Governor Granholm was elected by the people to head the administrative branch of Michigan government, while the legislature was elected by the same people to operate the legislative branch of government.

Both branches are created by the state constitution, which spells out duties and responsibilities for both, and the two branches are equal in rank.

Aye, that's where the rub comes in. An old adage claims the governor proposes and the legislature disposes .... and so it is.

Of course, the governor holds the power of veto.

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WHEN GOVERNOR GRANHOLM

proposes as part of her budget that the popular Merit Scholarships for high school seniors be reduced from \$2,500 to \$500, she's perfectly within her constitutional authority to do so.

And when Republicans in control of the legislature decide to juggle the Granholm budget around and in the process, restore the scholarships to \$2,500, they're perfectly within their constitutional authority to do so, too.

Democrats contend Republicans are busting the budget wide open, and Republicans claim their actions better serve education.

"We are the party of fiscal responsibility here," Governor Granholm said about the Republican budget version. "We're not going to overspend."

"We still have a lot of general fund money left," said House Speaker Rick Johnson, Republican. "We haven't spent \$8 billion yet."

And so the seeds of political distrust and disagreement are sown, and will flourish as time goes on.

EACH SIDE has responsibility to help run state government, given to them by the people at last year's election.

Each side is jealous of its role, and aims to stem any infringement from the other branch on what they perceive as their constitutional assignments.

That one side is Republican and one side is Democratic only adds to the inevitability of controversy and strife.

Compromise and cooperation are necessary to accomplish matters of substance for the welfare of the people of Michigan through the legislative process for the next couple of years.

How the two warring partners handle their separate and distinct responsibilities will be the true measure of genuine public service.

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**PRIMARY UNNEEDED** -- For the past several presidential election years, Michigan has conducted a presidential preference primary.

Usually they have no effect on anything, except to embarrass one party or the other.

For 2004, there's no logical reason for Michigan to conduct a presidential primary.

For Republicans, President Bush likely will be the overwhelming favorite, so why a primary?

Michigan Democrats use the caucus system to select their delegates to the national nominating convention, and they're trying to put themselves in a meaningful position with early caucuses, so why a primary?

A statewide presidential primary in 2004 is not necessary .... and its absence could save plenty of money for both the state and local governments who would not have to incur considerable expense to conduct it.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## U.N. should not continue to interfere

To the editor,  
I could go through the whole alphabet and never run out of reasons why the United Nations should not be allowed to continue to have any control over how any nation wants to govern itself.

Look at who supplied Mr. Hussein with his weapons of mass destruction. Could it be Russia, Germany, and France? Who had the most to gain?

Our country, at great risk, decided it was time! Time to rid Iraq, a caring and oppressed people, of an evil no one should have to live

with, and free a nation of the most evil and vile dictator since Mr. Hitler.

I watched the free people of Iraq and wish them well on their new government, without the help of the United Nations. We cannot continue to let the U.N. interfere with peoples' right to be free and govern themselves to a better life.

Rick Anderson  
Hospital Corps  
1st Battalion, 3rd Marines  
Vietnam 1968  
and Crawford County Commissioner, District #6

## Book gives view of what kids really want

To the editor,

A recent book, "What Kids Really Want That Money Can't Buy," is an excellent resource for all members of our families during these troubling times.

The book, published by Betsy Taylor, is the result of a research project conducted by the Center for a New American Dream. It tells the stories of children from the ages of five to 17 who were asked, "What would you like that money can't buy?"

The responses of the children tell us that they want love, respect, more free time, more contact with extended family and

the natural world, and a healthier, more peaceful planet.

The book not only relates the consistent wishes of the children, but gives practical ideas for granting these wishes within the family, community and the world.

Peace and care for our world begins in our individual hearts, within our family and our community. Then peace will flow throughout the world... and a little child will lead us. Enjoy!

Jean Umlor, RSM  
Grayling

## Show honor by replacing worn out flags

To the editor,

My name is Jim Carmean and I am a 10-year Navy veteran. I served in Vietnam.

I am proud to be an American and proud of my flag. Recently I have helped place a tattered flag depositary at the Crawford County Museum so, folks with torn or tattered flags may drop them off respectfully and correctly. The flags that are collected will be burned honorably by

the American Legion.

Our first collection was 212 flags, and in just three months! I was overwhelmed. Many were folded properly and sealed in brown paper bags, which is the correct way to dispose of a flag.

If you have a worn or tattered flag, honor your country and your community and please replace it soon.

Jim Carmean  
Grayling

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

## War on unborn seems forgotten

To the editor,

Much has been written about the war in Iraq, as well it should. But I would like to address another war; a war that has been going on for 30 years in our country.

A war that has claimed over 40,000,000 lives -- more lives than all the wars our country has ever been in. A war that uses weapons of mass destruction on the innocent who have no defense. Check out the various types of abortions being used in our country. And, perhaps, take in a film on partial birth abortion or read, "The Silent Holocaust."

Pictures of an aborted baby present the reality and horror of abortion, knowing that will be the only picture ever taken of that baby. The reality is that a

special, unique individual dies with each abortion procedure. "The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government" -- Thomas Jefferson.

We can help save the unborn by educating ourselves and those around us. When people learn of the development of the unborn child and see pictures of babies before birth, it is impossible to deny the fact that unborn children are deserving of the right to life.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you came to birth, I consecrated you." -- Jeremiah 1:5. How long will "God Bless America?"

Alan R. Peterson  
Grayling

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined

paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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of Veterans and Military Affairs also stands ready to put you in touch with veterans of National Guard and Reserve support groups through its web site at [www.michigan.gov/dmva](http://www.michigan.gov/dmva), or by calling (517) 702-5116.

Once you've volunteered, military officials encourage you to go to a special website called [www.operationdearabby.net](http://www.operationdearabby.net). There you can post a note to our troops letting them know what you and your neighbors are doing here at home to show your support as they serve abroad.

Military mail officials try to sort these messages so they can be delivered to soldiers who would be the most interested. If you put right in the subject line of the e-mail the fact that your hometown is in Michigan, that will make their job even easier.

But we also need to give our troops long-term support. We took a first step toward this by recently passing the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act in the Senate -- legislation I supported -- that contained long-overdue tax reform.

We also need to remember that those troops will soon join the ranks of our 25 million veterans and we need to do a better job of caring for all those people who sacrificed so much for us.

Back in 1996 we opened up the Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system to all veterans. But we have not given the agency the money to take on the additional responsibilities. These budget shortfalls mean it can take months to see a doctor and waits of a year or longer for some surgical procedures.

We also need to change the unfair policy of deducting disability payments from the pensions of the 600,000 men and women who suffer from disabilities incurred while they wore their country's uniform. In some cases, their pensions are taken away entirely!

These veterans who helped write our history -- and are writing it today in the deserts of Iraq -- deserve a secure, healthy future from us in return. I will continue to do everything in my power to support each and every one of them.

# BRIEFS

## Eagles Auxiliary to nominate officers

The Grayling Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #3465 will hold nomination of officers at its April 17 regular meeting at 7 p.m. Any Auxiliary member is welcome to attend.

## Seats still available for Scrolls trip

Grayling's Michelson Singers, a 10-voice vocal ensemble sponsored by Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, are still taking reservations for a trip to Grand Rapids to see the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at the Van Andel Museum on Tuesday, April 29. Transportation will be by deluxe motorcoach and trip includes a visit to Meijer Gardens, as well as dinner at the Cadillac Grill. Cost is \$70 per person, with all profits to benefit the Michelson Singers' upcoming trip to the east coast. To register or for more information, call the church at 348-2974 or contact any member of the Michelson Singers. The bus will make a stop at Houghton Lake to pick up passengers from that area.

## Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. Call (989) 821-5721 for further information.

## 'Last Supper' to be re-enacted

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will present a reenactment of the "Last Supper" on April 17 at 7 p.m. at its Maundy Thursday worship service, with a live portrayal of the famous painting by Leonardo DaVinci. A historical sketch of each of the apostles will also be presented with musical accompaniment. Communion will be served. All members of the community are invited to attend.

## St. John Ladies to host lunch/cards

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling, will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, April 23 in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-9169.

## Eagles plan Good Friday Fish Fry

The Grayling Eagles #3465 will be offering a Good Friday Fish Fry on April 18, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person for the all-you-can-eat meal.

## Sheriff offers child identification kits

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies from the Youth Service Division took part in the "Super Safety Saturday" held at Mercy Family Care on April 12. Deputies fingerprinted over 100 children and provided their parents with identification kits. This was the first "Operation Child Identification" program presented this year. Any group that would like the Youth Service Division to provide a session of "Operation Child Identification" may contact Tina at the Sheriff's Office at 348-4616.

## Good Friday, Easter events offered

The Burning Bush Tabernacle, located at 501 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will hold a Good Friday service on April 18 at 12 noon. Easter Sunday will be celebrated with a Sunrise Breakfast at 9 a.m., Easter Pageant at 10 a.m. and Easter Celebration Service at 11 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Pastor Petrie at 348-8314.

## Learn how to garden from seeds and cuttings

"How to Get Started from Seeds and Cuttings" is the topic to be explored at Wellington Farm Park on Saturday, April 26. The program will be presented free of charge to any interested gardener as part of the living history farm's community service program.

The clinic will be conducted by Master Gardener Joyce Haskel and will take place at Wellington Farm Park, located on Military Road between Camp Grayling and Higgins Lake. The program will begin at 9 a.m.

Other activities taking place that day will be fruit tree pruning demonstrations and a plant swap. Those who would like to increase the number of flowers in their gardens are encouraged

to bring extra divisions, cuttings or started seeds to trade with others.

For more information about the Gardening Clinic, call the Farm Park toll-free at 1-888-653-3276 or visit the farm's web site at: [www.wellingtonfarm-park.org](http://www.wellingtonfarm-park.org).

Wellington Farm Park is also currently taking reservations for group outings such as weddings, family reunions, company picnics and organizational outings.

The park will open for the season on June 13 and will be open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until October 31. The Farm Market and Visitor Center will be open seven days a week, from Memorial Day to Halloween.

## Managed care expert to speak at Business After Hours

The next Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Spike's Keg O'Nails. Hosting the event are Cornell Insurance/Coldwell Banker and The Medicine Shoppe.

Featured speaker of the evening will be Vic Sztegel of Mercy Hospital. His primary responsibility is to negotiate managed care contracts through the Physicians Hospital Organization. His background

in insurance and health care planning includes positions with Principal Mutual Life, Blue Cross of Indiana, and Golden Rule Insurance.

The program furnishes aspects of the local economics of health care, including the hiring of physicians.

Other items of interest encompass the future of health care, trends in health care, and uninsured individuals.

For more information call the Chamber at 348-2921.

## High school MEAP tests begin April 21

The State of Michigan MEAP High School Tests will be given at Grayling High School (GHS) beginning Monday, April 21, and continuing through May 2.

The MEAP tests are given to students in the junior class, and cover the subject areas of mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies.

Students will have the opportunity to earn endorsements in the various subjects; per the Department of Education, "students who score highly on the test have demonstrated achievement of valued and rigorous knowledge and skills."

It is impressive to note how well students at Grayling High School have been performing on the state tests: 88% of last year's seniors earned endorsements in writing; 87% in science; 82% in reading; 85% in math.

The April 2003 MEAP Testing Schedule is as follows:

April 21 - Reading test (80 minutes), 7th hour (12:45 p.m.) in classrooms.

April 22 - Science test (90 minutes), 2nd hour (9:05 a.m.)

## Citizen Planner Program targets land use issues

Crawford and Otsego County Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) staff are offering a "Citizen Planner Program" to persons appointed to serve on local land use planning bodies, as well as other interested citizens.

This program was developed to equip volunteer county leaders with the technical information and leadership skills needed to perform their duties more effectively and responsibly as related to issues surrounding land use planning and regulations.

Citizen Planner is a non-credit series leading to an optional certificate awarded by MSUE, based on the completion of six core classes and 30 hours of county-oriented service in land use planning or related activities.

Classes will be held on scheduled Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Otsego Lake Township Hall in Waters. Classes will begin on Wednesday, May 14 and run through Thursday, June 26. Cost of the course is \$210.

For more information, contact either the Crawford MSUE Office at (989) 344-3264 or the Otsego MSUE Office at (989) 731-0272.

Registration deadline is April 30.

## Mexican dancers, musicians to perform at Kirtland

Folk Dancers and musicians will soon offer samples of Mexico's diverse cultures. For two hours on Saturday, April 26, the miles between Mexico and Roscommon will disappear as Ballet Folklorico "Quetzalli" de Vera Cruz will easily win over its audience.

Twelve dancers and six musicians will present an energetic array of music and folk dances from five Mexican states, providing an enjoyable lesson in that country's cultural diversity.

As the program moves from state to state, the costumes take on the different striking colors and styles.

The audience will be exposed to a set of ritualistic barefoot dances from the state of Chihuahua that show influences of Mexico's Indian cultures;

boisterous dances from Durango, similar to American square dancing; wedding dances from Nayarit which have similarities to Spanish Flamenco; La Bamba, first and foremost a dance but the music was made famous in the 50's by Ritchie Valens; and a short sword dance

are only part of what will be presented.

The musicians will play a variety of instruments from violin, guitar, jaranas, and harpa jarocho.

Since their formation in 1985, "Quetzalli" has criss-crossed the globe, exciting audiences young and old with their visual fiesta of old Mexico. With standing ovations from Cuba to Malaysia, "Quetzalli" proves they are one of Mexico's most popular exports.

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Adults - \$3.50, Child (12 & under) \$2.00. Then enjoy the FUN with lots of games, toys and candy. Enter the raffle to win Easter baskets and other great prizes. Easter egg hunt begins at approximately 11:00 am.

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Remember the words of President F.D. Roosevelt? "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Remember the courage of President Harry Truman to use the atomic bomb to end WW2 and save thousands of lives on both sides? Remember the courage of President John F. Kennedy to order a military blockade of Cuba and remove the Soviet missile threat? Remember President Ronald Reagan as he faced down the Soviet Empire with the goal of bringing freedom to millions of enslaved people behind the "iron curtain"? Today, President Bush deserves the same high esteem. His strong faith in his God, his Country, and his Troops is sending a message of freedom and hope around the world. Our soldiers are answering the call of Deut 32:20: "How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight?"

We feel a special love for our new generation of Americans who are fighting and dying for truth, freedom and justice. As Jessica Lynch was being rescued from torture by our Special Forces she heard the shout, "We are American Soldiers." From her tortured broken body came her reply, "I am an American Soldier too!" We feel a special love for the Iraqi people like the man who had the decency and courage to risk his life by walking many miles to ask the Marines to save her. There are still many brave heroes in this world that love truth, justice, and freedom more than even life itself.

Eastern Europe is now supporting America because they have been freed from terrorism and tyranny and appreciate with us the value of liberty. But, the secular socialists of old Europe still want to control the world through the United Nations. Putin is still a former KGB agent and philosophically still supports secular socialism more than American democracy and capitalism.

Militant Islam also has plans to control the world. While they represent only a small minority of Muslims, their militant terrorism silences and enslaves even the majority of their own people. You hear Muslim leaders around the world calling the war on terrorism a religious war. It is a religious war to them because they demand unity of "church" and state under Muslim rule. George Bush is right by repeatedly telling the world America is not fighting a religious war. We are fighting for freedom, both theirs and ours. We believe in separation of church and state, and that every human being

has an unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We believe all people should have political freedom as opposed to government tyranny. We believe all people should have economic freedom, as opposed to state slavery. We believe all people should have religious freedom as opposed to government enforced religion of any kind. This is a brief summary of why many of us feel privileged and proud to be Americans! To those who disagree, remember, the blood of American heroes purchased for you that right of dissent! Pastor "B"

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Thursday, Stone Soup Supper 6:00 pm  
All night prayer vigil: Thursday 8:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friday

**Good Friday:** Liturgy 8:30 am, 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday:** Easter Vigil & Baptism 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Festival Holy Eucharist 10:30 am

**Mt. Hope Lutheran Church**

**Maundy Thursday:** 7 pm

**Good Friday:** 7 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Service 10:30 am

with Easter potluck at 9:00 am

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

**Maundy Thursday:** Mass of Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8:00 - 10:00 pm

**Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death 9:00 pm

**Holy Saturday:** Vigil Liturgy of the Lord's Resurrection 9 pm

**Saturday:** Easter Breakfast 11:30 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Resurrection of the Lord Mass 10:00 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**

Good Friday: Ecumenical Service, 12 noon - 1:30 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Services 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast between services by donation

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**Easter Service:** 10:00 am

**Bear Lake Christian Church**

**Good Friday:** Service 12:30 with light lunch afterwards

**Sunday Morning:** Worship 10:00 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**

**Easter Sunday:** 8:30 am Sunrise Breakfast, 9:45 Special Sunday School Children's Program

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## Mikenauk Chorale to award scholarships

The Mikenauk Chorale will award up to \$2,000 in music education scholarships to area music students in May.

Scholarship application forms will soon be available from area high school music teachers and must be completed by students and submitted to Mikenauk Chorale Scholarship Committee Member, Lenore Uphoff, (at 124 Powderhorn Drive, Houghton Lake, MI 48629) no later than Monday, April 28, 2003.

Eligibility requirements for applicants include, among other criteria, residency in the counties of Roscommon, Crawford, Oscoda or Ogemaw; enrollment in a school or similar music program; plans for student music camp or special music projects; and a recommendation by a music teacher.

Mikenauk Chorale President,

June Karjalainen, said the scholarship winners will be announced at the Chorale's second spring concert performance, Sunday, May 4. The Chorale also plans to announce contributions to area youth music programs in the future. Proceeds from the Chorale's seasonal concerts go to fund student scholarships.

During the first half of each concert, the group will perform Robert Ray's exciting "G

## New classmates welcomed at GE/AP



Teacher Laurie Canfield and third-graders from Frederic Elementary and Grayling Elementary play a game which helps them learn about the interests of other students in the group. Frederic Elementary students visited their new classmates and had a busy day which included an assembly, snacks, art projects, lunch, recess and special activities such as the above game.

## Retirees have over 300 years of teaching

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

School will be different next year not only because of the closure of Frederic Elementary and the fact that the entire high school should be usable, but many familiar faces will be gone.

Superintendent Milli Haug said pink slips are usually issued to staff at the end of the school year in times of budgetary crises. This year no pink slips had to be issued to the professional staff because 13 teachers have decided to retire. Some positions will remain unfilled next year.

Retirees at the elementary level are Florence Hough who teaches third grade at Frederic Elementary, Pam Williams - first grade at AuSable Primary (AP), Pat Wiltse - fourth grade at Grayling Elementary (GE), Mary Smock - Title I

Reading/Math at GE, Jan Pahssen - fifth grade at GE, Sally Yost - multi-age first/second at AP, and Alice VanSlyke - second grade at AP.

Retirees at Grayling Middle School are health/physical education teacher Butch Stockton, computer science teacher Bill Bedford, and social worker Patti Quinlan.

High school retirees are Mike Dean who teaches math and physics, Nancy Lemmen who teaches Spanish and journalism, and special education teacher Maureen Nowak.

Haug said pink slips have been issued to several support personnel.

The pink slips may be revoked when the school learns how much money they will be getting from the state, but they are forced to issue them in case cuts need to be made.

## School district earns good grades

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School District has received some good news but there may be a catch. The unqualified good news is that both Grayling Elementary and Grayling Middle School have continued to improve their performance and made adequate yearly progress (AYP), the standard by which all schools in the state are judged. Schools that do not make AYP are subject to sanctions from the state.

Superintendent Milli Haug said she was pleased but not satisfied. She said the goal is to surpass the state average and the staff is working very hard to continue to increase the success of area students.

The good news that may have a catch concerns Frederic

Elementary.

Frederic Elementary is not on the list of schools that didn't meet expectations.

However, the reason it's not on the list is that the state again changed the rules by which they rate schools. In order for a school to be considered "failing" there have to be a minimum of 30 students in the core groups the state is looking at. The standard used to be 20 students.

Frederic Elementary did not have a core group of 30 so they need to combine the data from last year with the data from this year to find out if they are failing. This year's data is not yet available.

Haug said she is hopeful the information will be available before the close of the current school year.

## Highly traveled section of M-72 slated for improvements

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will resurface a half-mile stretch of M-72 in Grayling Township and improve the flow of traffic between M-93 and Old Lake Road.

The improvement project includes curb and gutter, storm sewer and driveway improve-

ments, and improvements on Pine Point Road.

"We've met with many of the neighbors along this route ahead of time to inform them of the many benefits of this project," said Bonnie Bussard, manager of MDOT's Transportation Service Center in Grayling. "We also have been able to implement

access management principles to either remove or consolidate some of the driveways to improve the safety of the area."

One lane in each direction will be maintained on M-72, while Pine Point Road will be closed to through traffic. Motorists are encouraged to seek an alternate route.

"We encourage motorists to proceed with caution through the

area during construction," said Jay Gailitis, delivery engineer for the Service Center. "Safety is a top priority for us. Responsible driving in work zones will help ensure everyone gets home safely at night -- both workers and motorists."

The \$1.4 million project is expected to begin April 28, and should be completed by late August.

## Purse snatcher sentenced

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The young man who snatched a purse from the shopping cart of a local supermarket customer was sentenced April 7 in 46th Circuit Trial Court.

Chief Judge Alton T. Davis encouraged a tearful William Benjamin Boyd to take his mother up on her offer to take him into her home in Texas in order to get his life back on track. He also recommended the 21-year-old seek mental health counseling to deal with his problems.

Boyd was arrested by Grayling Police last December 4, at Glen's Family Market after employees and customers stopped him from leaving the store parking lot with the purse. The purse and its contents were recovered.

Originally charged with unarmed robbery, Boyd made a deal with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss to drop that charge and add a charge of larceny, to which the young man

pled guilty on March 3. Also dropped in the agreement were two felony no-account check charges pending in 83rd District Court. Boyd faced up to 15 years in prison on the unarmed robbery charge alone.

Judge Davis sentenced Boyd to 180 days in jail, with credit for 124 served, and placed him on 24 months probation. "You will take care of your financial assessments," the judge said of the \$141 in restitution due on the bad checks he wrote and \$770 in fines and costs stemming from the case.

If Boyd pays all his fines, costs and restitution in full, Judge Davis said he will consider the payment as "time served." Probation will be terminated and the \$940 supervision fee will be waived if he returns to his mother's home in Texas. Boyd is also prohibited from having a charge account or checking account for two years as part of his plea agreement regarding the alleged no-account checks.

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## UW seats new board members

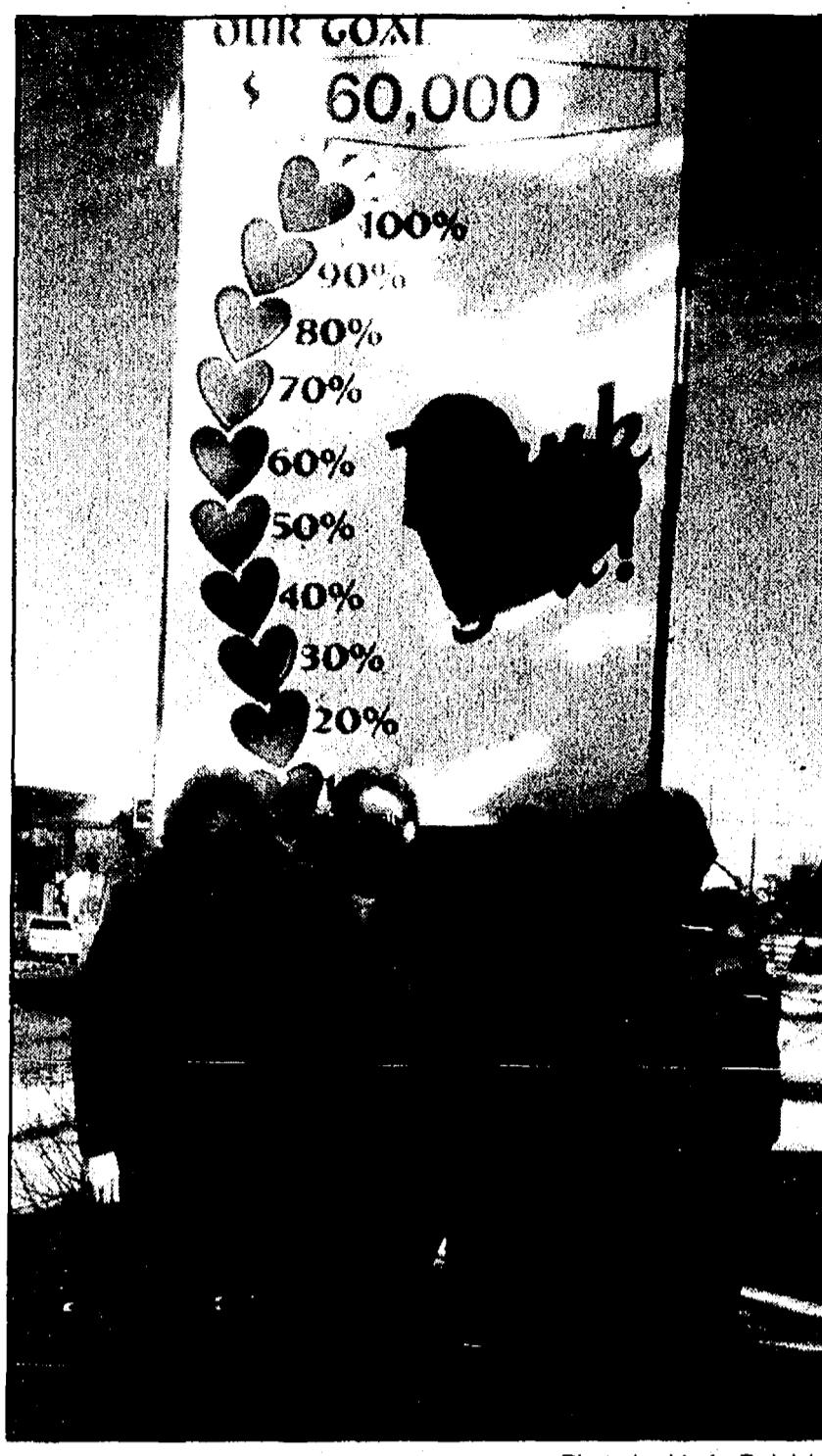


Photo by Linda Golnick

In March, new officers were elected to serve on the Crawford County United Way Executive Board for 2003. Standing before the familiar thermometer showing the 2003 goal has been reached are: Ivah Baggett, Secretary; Nancy Hunt, President; Don Schanz, Vice President; and Wanda Finkbeiner, Treasurer.

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## Log museum to open first exhibit

### ► First Annual Lovells Historic Trout Opener, April 26-27

NH, who will talk about preserving trout fishing history.

Tanner, an avid fly fisherman for 30 years, brings a varied background to the opener. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries from Cornell University (BS) and a Master of Science Degree in the same subject from the University of Tennessee.

Tanner served as regional director (including Michigan) and Director of Development for the National Wild Turkey Federation, and has done further graduate work on the winter ecology of the ruffed grouse. He will speak at the Lovells Township Hall at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 26.

All events, which are free and open to the public, will take place at the new log museum, located on Township grounds at 8405 Twin Bridge Road, at the Lovells Township Hall, and at Fuller's North Branch Outing Club, on the river, at 6122 East County Road 612.

For more information regarding the opener or to volunteer to assist with the festivities, contact Glen Eberly at (248) 626-6515, e-mail [glenaeberly@yahoo.com](mailto:glenaeberly@yahoo.com); Roger Fechner at (517) 265-9561, e-mail [rogerfechner@msn.com](mailto:rogerfechner@msn.com); or Darrell Fuller at (989) 348-7951, e-mail [dcf@i2k.net](mailto:dcf@i2k.net).

## At-risk families can find hope, support

### ► Teachers, staff get Freemasons of Michigan training proven to help

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"With the state funding in the shape it's in, this training gave us practical but inexpensive strategies to help keep students from falling between the cracks," said Shelly Springer, a Grayling Elementary paraprofessional.

Team members attending the training were Jeanette Murray, Mary Smock, Clyde Holzbauer, Shelly Springer, Sue Voelker, Gina Bruskill, Kay Avery-Lee, and Principal Camp.

Highly trained instructors who travel throughout the United States delivered the intensive three-day training. Developed 18 years ago, Student Assistance Programs have a proven track record in assisting students and families who are at risk. Team members attending the training were impressed with the quality of the training and its relevance for students in today's schools.

Smock summed up the group's feeling about the training. "This SAT was the most beneficial professional development I've received in a long time; very focused and realistic for teachers."

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## Local business changes hands



Former owner Curt Jansen (left) and new owner Kevin Jamison offer expertise on plumbing and heating questions.

Jansen Sales & Service has been purchased by Kevin and Laurie Jamison who are also the owners of Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty.

Kevin will be handling the daily operations of the company under the new name Jansen's Heating/Cooling & Plumbing Source.

Jansen's has been in business for over 48 years in the Grayling area. The goal of the new owners will be to continue the quality service that has been established in the community by previous owner Curt Jansen.

Jansen sold the business so he would have more free time to pursue other interests, but he will remain an integral part of the servicing business with the company. His expertise and long term relationships are highly valued and will be utilized for the best interest of the customers.

The phone number will remain the same (348-5571) and the business will stay at 501 N. James Street until May 30.

On June 1, the company will relocate to 6264 West M-72 (the old Milltown Carpet building). The new location will offer a showroom for fireplaces, air conditioners, furnaces and plumbing fixtures. Business hours are currently Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but Saturday hours will be added later this year.

The Jamisons expect the business will not only continue being efficient in its service but in new construction installations as well.

There will be someone available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for service calls. To receive service after hours, call the normal business phone (348-5571) and follow the directions.

## Veterinarian elected VP of state association

Dr. Paul W. Mesack, DVM, has been elected to the office of second vice president of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA); he will ascend to the presidency in 2006.

Prior to his appointment to the Executive Committee, he represented Northern Michigan Counties (District 15) on the Board of Directors, a position he also held from 1983 to 1995.

At the 2002 Michigan Veterinary Conference, Mesack was presented with the W. Kenneth McKersie Service Award, recognizing exemplary service to the profession. The only award that holds a higher distinction than the McKersie Award is the MVMA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mesack is a strong advocate for continuing education. He has served as a member of the MVMA Continuing Education Committee, the MVC Small Animal Section Committee and is currently a member of the MVC Executive Committee, representing the MVMA Board of Directors. Also an advocate for veterinary students, Mesack has a mentee in every class of students in the veterinary col-



Paul W. Mesack, DVM

lege.

Mesack and his partner, Dr. Wayne Casler, own the Grayling Hospital for Animals, a busy AAHA certified hospital in Grayling. They also own the Roscommon Veterinary Clinic. Mesack finds time to participate as a Governing Trustee for the Michigan Animal Health Foundation, a board member of Trout Unlimited and serves on the Board of Elders for his church.

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# GHS grad recipient of 2003 Mylan Award

Trisha (Ormsbee) Wells, a fourth-year Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) student at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School, was the 2003 recipient of the Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award. The honor was conferred during the college's annual awards banquet, held in Ann Arbor the evening of April 3.

The Mylan Award is presented to a student in the top 25 percent of the fourth (and final)-year Pharm.D. class who demonstrates exceptional professional motivation. In addition to the honor, the award includes a \$500 prize.

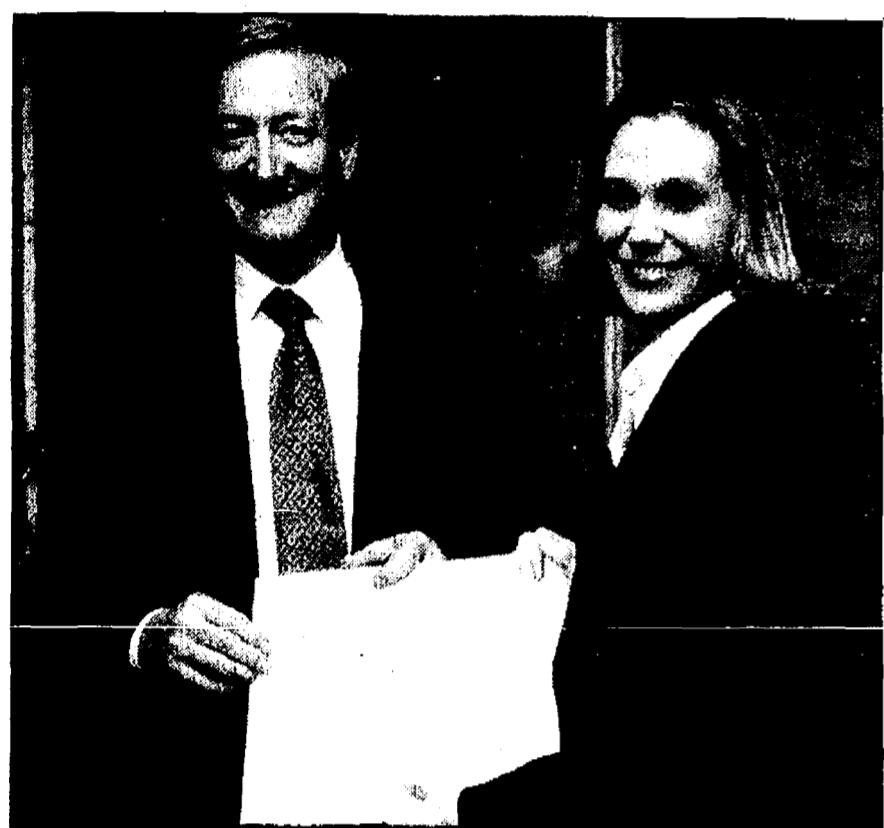
In selecting Wells, college administrators and faculty cited her academic excellence along with her continuous involvement in community service projects, such as Operation Diabetes,

Operation Hypertension, and Kids Fair.

While at the U-M College of Pharmacy, Wells served as the student organizer of Ann Arbor National Pharmacy Week activities. She also served one term as secretary of the college's student government council, and is currently secretary of the U-M chapter of the Rho Chi Society, the national pharmacy academic honors organization.

In addition to her U-M College of Pharmacy achievements, Wells is a member of the Golden Key National Honors Society, and for the last three years has been recognized for her scholarly achievements at the University's Honors Convocation.

The University of Michigan College of Pharmacy is consistently ranked among the top three pharmacy schools in the U.S.



Trisha (Ormsbee) Wells, a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School, receives the Mylan Pharmaceuticals Excellence in Pharmacy Award from U-M College of Pharmacy Dean George L. Kenyon during the college's annual awards banquet, held April 3.

## River House receives grant

River House Shelter recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation to support its sexual violence program.

The Sexual Violence Program serves victims of sexual violence and their families. Individual and group counseling is available to victims of sexual violence.

According to Rhoda Hacker, Director for River House Shelter, "Advocacy is another important component of our program. An advocate is

available to victims when presenting to the emergency department after an assault, as well as for follow up advocacy with law enforcement and court proceedings.

"With the support of Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, these vital services continue to impact our community in a positive way by helping victims of crime heal from the abuses forced upon them."

Finally, educational programs for the community and professional groups is offered.

## Veterinary group's Board of Directors welcomes Fairbanks

Dr. Troy Fairbanks, DVM, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA). Fairbanks represents Northern Michigan Counties (District 15) on the Board.

Fairbanks is a 1989 graduate of the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine; he has been practicing small animal medicine since graduation. For the past 10 years, he has been an associate in the Roscommon Veterinary Clinic.

Fairbanks is a Rotarian and co-president of the Northern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. He believes strongly in the value of continuing education.



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Dr. Fairbanks' wife, Nancy Martindale, is also a veterinarian.

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## Action taken to head off ash borer invasion

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- An Asian insect that measures no larger than a penny could wipe out the over 700 million ashes in Michigan, and 7.6 billion nationwide.

The emerald ash borer is an exotic species that is already ravaging ashes in a 2,400-square-mile area in Southeast Michigan. The area has been quarantined, but the spread hasn't stopped.

Since the discovery of the ash borer in 2001, it's been found in Windsor, Ontario, and south of Toledo, Ohio. And officials in the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula are taking steps to keep the pest out of their region.

"We're conducting surveys throughout northern Michigan and the U.P.," said John Hill, a pesticide and plant pest management supervisor for the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). "We've visited local sawmills and major municipalities, and we've done surveys of street trees and woodlots."

Ashes are not a valuable lumber commodity, but they serve ornamental and firewood purposes. Many of the trees seen along city streets or in back yards are ash.

Hill, who is based in Traverse City, said the survey hasn't produced any indication of ash borers in his region -- but that doesn't mean they aren't there. "So far, we haven't found signs, but there's always the possibility that ash logs could have been shipped out of the quarantined area unknowingly."

The transport of ash lumber out of the six affected counties in southeast Michigan is the largest hazard to preventing the spread of the borer, said Andrew Storer, an assistant professor of forest insect ecology at Michigan Technological University.

"At the moment, it's limited to a fairly small area in Southeast Michigan, but the biggest fear at the moment is firewood," Storer said.

Storer, who works with the Center for Exotic Species at

Michigan Tech, said the likelihood of the ash borer making its way to northern Michigan and the U.P. isn't fully known yet.

"Ash isn't the dominant species in the northern forests, but we do have three species and they're plentiful," Storer said. "The ash borer would certainly be able to get around up here."

Another question is the ash borer's ability to adapt to the harsher northern climate, but Storer said there's no reason to think it wouldn't survive.

Dave Roberts, a plant pathologist with Michigan State University Extension, is an ash borer researcher. He doesn't consider the surveys of northern parts of the state completely reliable for finding infestation.

"Our concern is that since the insect has been here for a number of years -- for all we know, huge epicenters may be growing up there," Roberts said.

The ash borer was in Michigan for at least five years before its destructive impact started showing, Roberts said. "It takes years to build up a population."

Once the population builds, however, its effects are devastating. The ash borer is dormant over the winter, and when spring comes it lays eggs under the bark of ashes. It's during the first stage of development, or larval stage, that the borer takes its toll.

At first, leaves start to thin and branches begin to die. Then bark starts cracking and falls off, large parts of the tree's crown appear dead, and by the time the larvae make it to the core of the tree, the ash has no chance of survival.

"The process takes two or three years, but right now there's not much hope for any tree that's already infested," Roberts said.

The problem is compounded by how quickly the borer population can grow once they're established -- multiplying by "at least 10 times every year," Roberts said. "It could very well be another Dutch Elm disease."

Aside from its ravaging of the environment, the ash borer could have far-reaching economic impacts.

Tree nurseries are already assigned to Company "B," 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Division. Lance Cpl. Wildfong is the son of Darlene M. and Harry C. Wildfong of Frederic.

Wildfong is a 1994 graduate of Gaylord High School, and joined the Marine Corps in April 1996. \* \* \*

**Marine Corps Cpl. Kevin J. Steinbraker** was recently called to active duty while assigned to Company "B," 1st Battalion, 24 Marines, 4th Marine Division. Corporal Steinbraker's wife Jennifer is the daughter of Nancy and David Randolph of Roscommon.

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**Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. Matthew W. Huntly**, was recently called to active duty, assigned to Company "B," 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division.

Lance Cpl. Huntly is a 2000 graduate of Roscommon High School.

**Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David J. Wildfong**, of Frederic, was called to active duty while

unable to sell ashes in the southern part of the state, which will lead to millions of dollars in lost profits, Roberts said.

Cities and homeowners will also be forced to rid their property of ashes, costing typically \$1,000 per tree. Roberts said if the government were to replace all the estimated 35 million infested trees in southeast Michigan, it would cost \$6 billion to \$9 billion.

The importance of preventing its spread is obvious, Roberts said, and state officials are relying on vigilance and the quarantine to keep the threat in check. "It's the eyes and ears of the businesses and people that we depend on to stop the spread."

"We've made a lot of progress," said John Hill, an agriculture department plant pest management specialist based in Traverse City. "The awareness is definitely there now."

Dave Roberts, a plant pathologist with Michigan State University Extension, disagrees with Hill's assessment: "I've found that 60 to 70 percent of people don't know what an ash looks like, and fewer know about the borer."

"Scientists tend to be overeducated sometimes -- they don't realize they need to explain the basics," Roberts said.

the MDA's Hill said.

"We did intercept one shipment of infested logs that were shipped to Oscoda County," Hill said. He credited the sawmill that received the shipment for identifying the infestation.

The state is waiting to hear from the federal government about federal help. Gov. Jennifer Granholm requested assistance on March 5, and Wyant said the state should know within the next few weeks whether money will be provided.

"We're going to need \$30 to \$50 million for at least five years to contain and eradicate the borer," said MSU's Roberts.

"I'm not even sure that can be done."

### Ash borer alert issued

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- The Department of Agriculture is making public education a priority to ensure that people are aware of the danger of the emerald ash borer.

When the state began a program to combat the spread of the ash borer, it initially failed to realize the importance of keeping the public informed, Agriculture Director Dan Wyant admitted.

"We had to take a step back and actually help people identify the ash trees," Wyant said.

Now the state is aggressively trying to help individuals identify ashies and any signs that the ash borer is present.

"We're making a big push to reach out to hunters, using the Department of Natural Resources where they sell licenses," Wyant said. "Posters in state parks and campgrounds also help to get the information out there."

The brochures and posters illustrate the early indications of infestation and include a hotline phone number to notify the appropriate officials.

Those involved with the educational effort have mixed views about the level of public awareness.

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► JV, varsity baseball teams have new head coaches

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## Season to start this week

### Vikings prepare for a busy 2003 campaign

► Young team has 'the character and mindset' to win, coach says

The 2003 Grayling High School varsity baseball team — which starts its game schedule this week — will consist of five seniors, six juniors, and two sophomores. The Vikings will be playing a very competitive 30-game schedule consisting of the team's final season in the North East Michigan Conference and a full schedule in their new league — the Lake Michigan Conference.

The team's new head coach — Bob Gorski — is in his first full season with the squad. Gorski, a former collegiate player who pitched at Michigan State and Eastern Michigan University and later played in the Pittsburgh Pirate organization, currently teaches at Grayling Middle School.

Assistant varsity baseball coach John Schneider played college ball at Ferris State University, where he was 1st team all-conference catcher and captain of the baseball team.

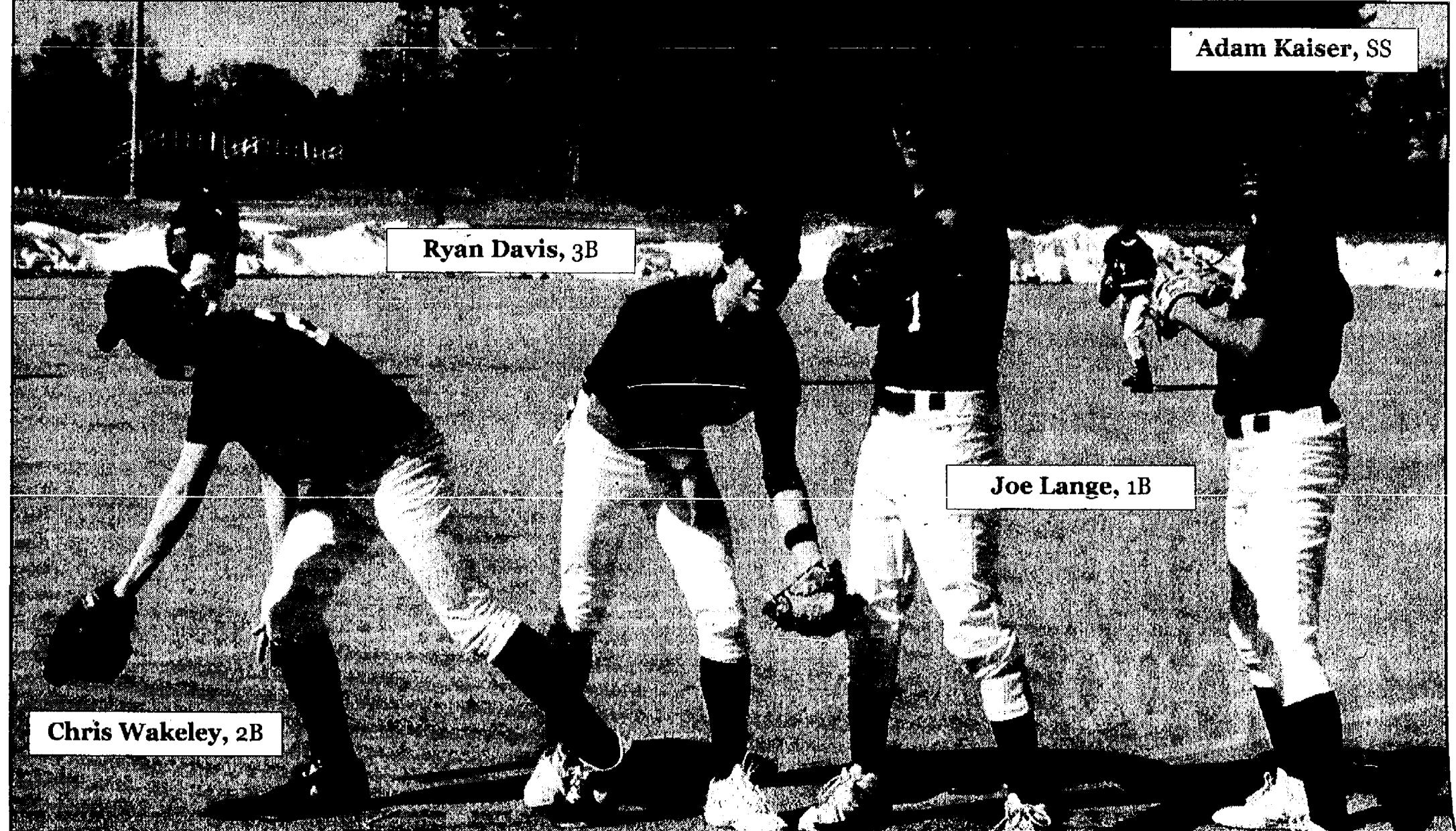
Head junior varsity coach Travis Huber was prepped at Grayling High School and led the team in hitting his senior year. He also earned a spot on the all-league first team and won all-district honors as an outfielder (after switching from the catching position as a sophomore). Assisting Coach Huber is Mike D'Amour, a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School. D'Amour, an outfielder and pitcher for the 2001 team, was a lifetime .308 hitter at GHS and holds the school record for RBI with 123.

The 2003 varsity baseball team is a young group. It will have seven returning players from last year's 9-20 squad.

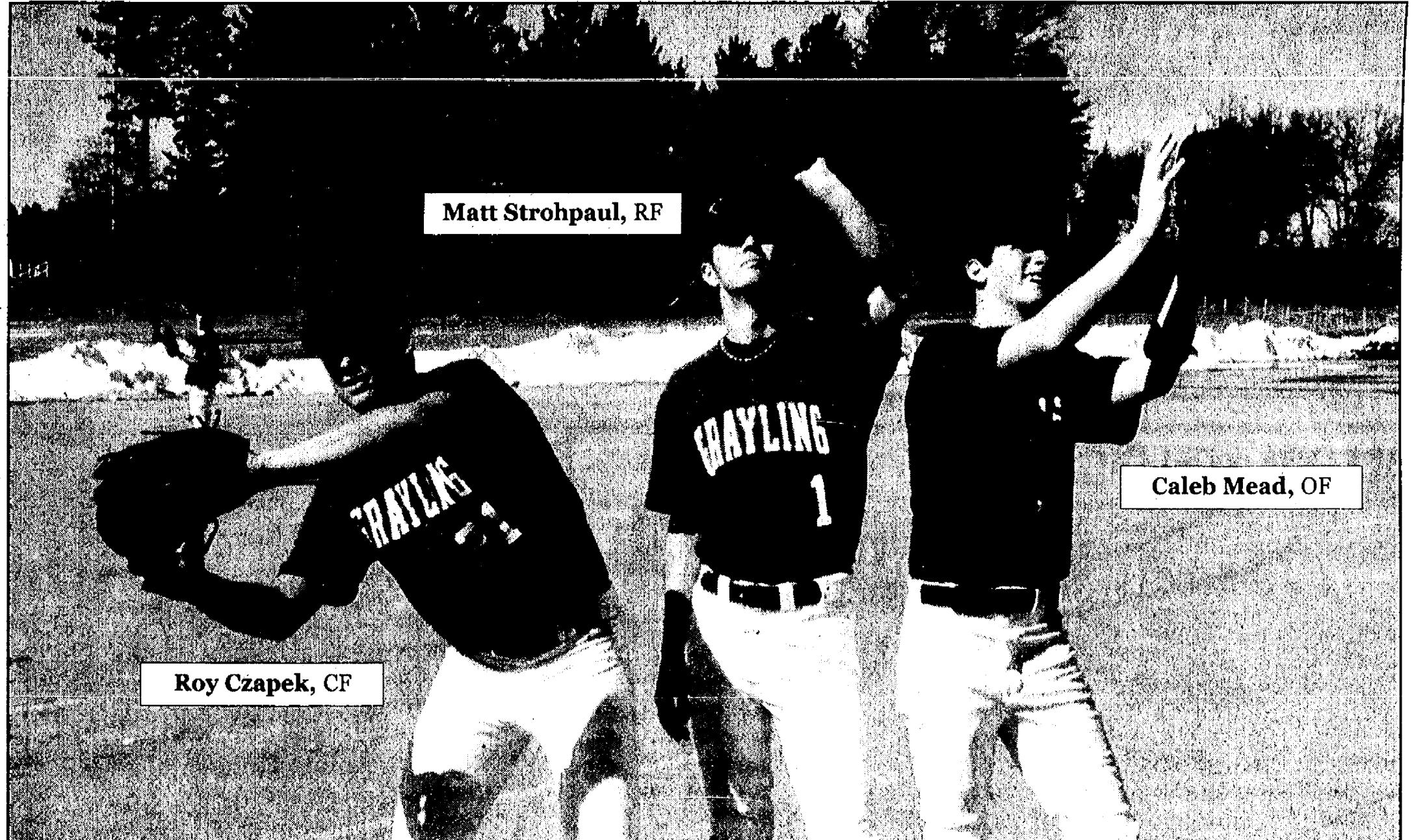
The infield at the corners will have Joe Lange, a junior with a .316 batting average, at first base and Ryan Davis, a sophomore who saw limited playing time on the varsity team last year, at third base. Up the middle will be senior Chris Wakeley at second base and returning senior starter Adam Kaiser, a .285 hitter, at shortstop.

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See "VIKINGS PREPARE..."



The GHS varsity baseball team's starting infielders: (left to right) Chris Wakeley, Ryan Davis, Joe Lange, Adam Kaiser.



Photos by Caleb Casey

The varsity team's outfielders: (left to right) Roy Czapek, Matt Strohpaul, Caleb Mead. Not pictured: D.J. Metzer, Roger Alvarez.

## New GHS football coach starts working with players

► Door to door introductions to continue the next two Saturdays

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Jason Mensing, the new Grayling High School head football coach, has been making the long trip from his downstate home to Grayling almost every weekend since January to work with prospective players and build relationships prior to the

upcoming fall football season.

On weekends, he has been opening the weight room and conducting drills with very small groups of players.

"I just want to get to know them a little bit so we're all comfortable next fall," Coach Mensing said. "It's more about relationships than work right now."

"It's going well," he said. "We've had a variety of kids that have come in. I'm excited that they're excited about football. If they're not excited about it, no one will be."

Mensing is a 2000 graduate of Adrian College. While he was at Adrian (in 1999), he worked as a training and conditioning coach for the University of Michigan's football program. In the fall of 2000, he was the offensive line coach at Adrian College, and in 2002 he was the head coach at Addison High School.

At Addison, "We had a really good season and knew we'd be in a position to make a move," Mensing said.

He learned of the opening in Grayling from a friend who coaches at Mio, he said.

Mensing said he and his wife had five criteria they used to rate potential places to relocate, and Grayling was the only one in the state that met all five and had an opening at the head coach position for football.

Mensing started a door to door meet-the-parents project in Grayling this past weekend. The project involves introducing himself (and his wife, Angel) to parents of football players,

answering any questions they might have, and dropping off schedules for upcoming football events.

"It went well," he said of this past Saturday's round. "We hit about 25 houses. We've got 40 or so yet to do. It's neat seeing the parents."

Mensing will finish the door to door introductions this Saturday and Saturday, April 26, he said.

As for his basic coaching philosophy, Coach Mensing said he likes to run a "wide open" offense and an "attacking defense."

He said he does not try to build practice routines or offensive game plans completely

from scratch. "A lot of people try to do that. We're not here to be innovative. We're here to teach a sound system."

He borrows practice habits and game schemes from other successful programs and implements the ones that work for his team, he said.

"We have to first develop a relationship with the kids," Coach Mensing said. "We have to like them, and they have to like us."

"We want to motivate young men to do more on the field and in the classroom," he said.

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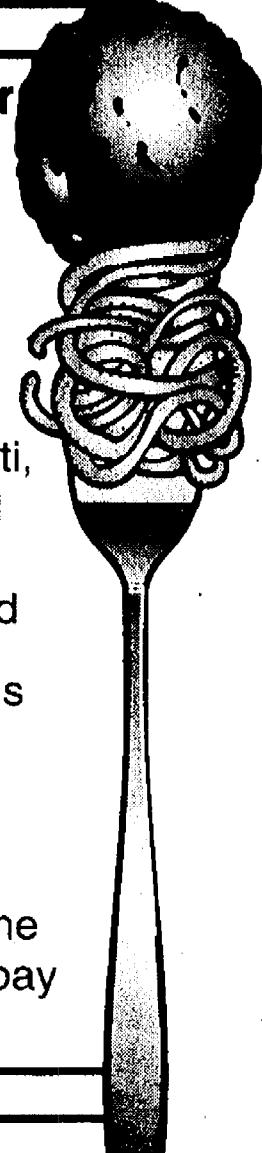
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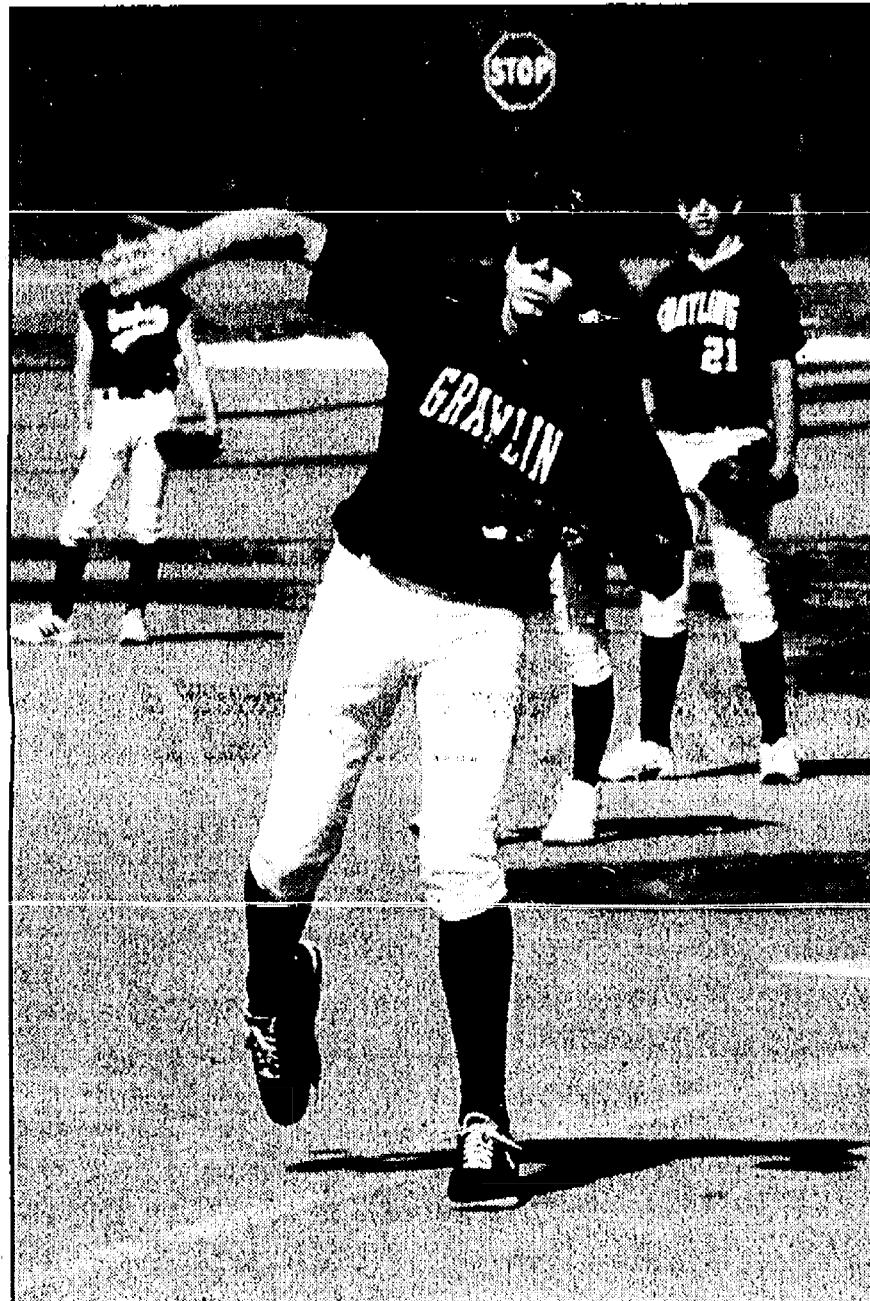
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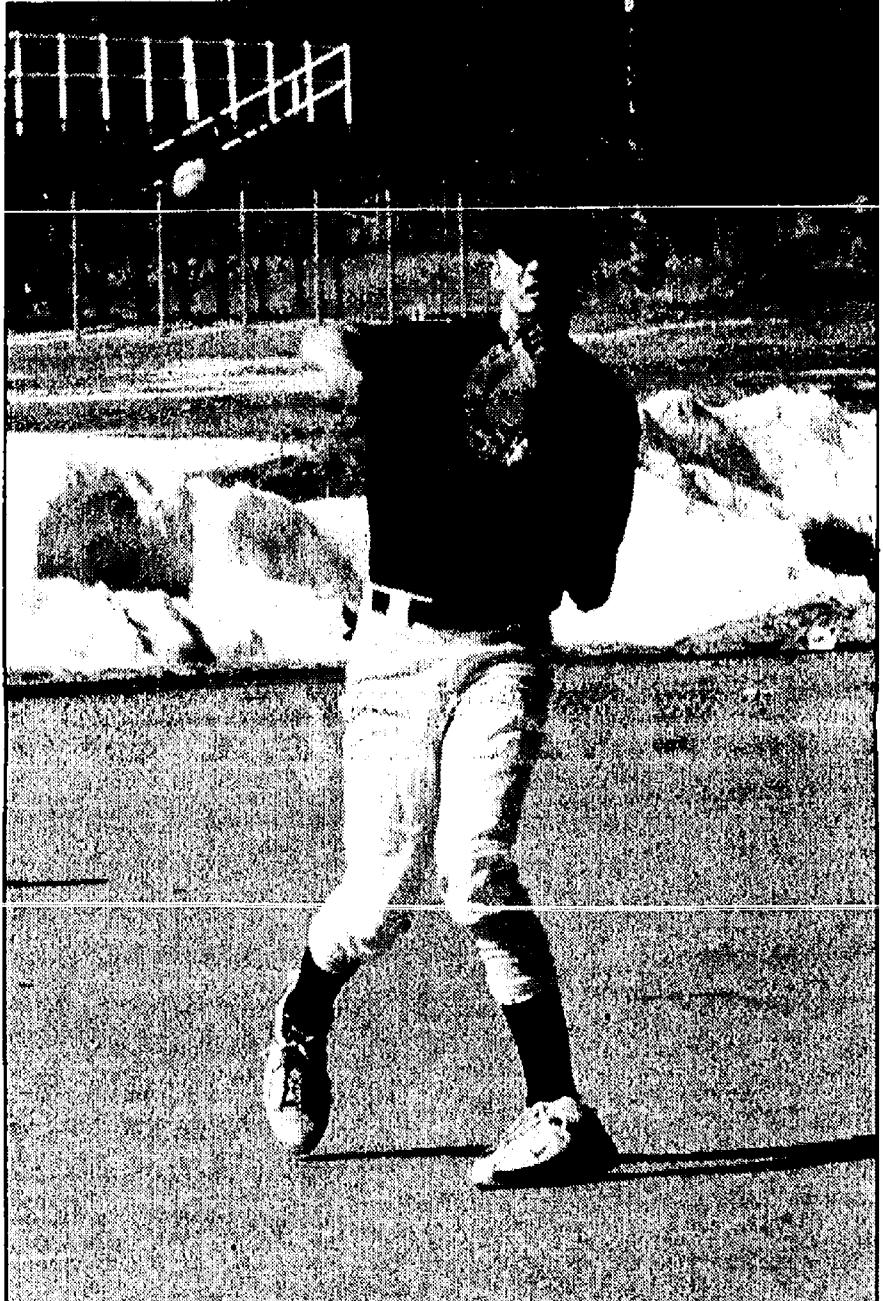


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Catcher Greg Morrill gets set to throw to first base during a varsity baseball team practice last Wednesday. The baseball field wasn't ready for action, so the Vikings practiced outside on the GHS parking lot.



Second baseman Chris Wakeley throws to first base during infield practice last Wednesday.



First baseman Joe Lange tosses the ball during practice last week.

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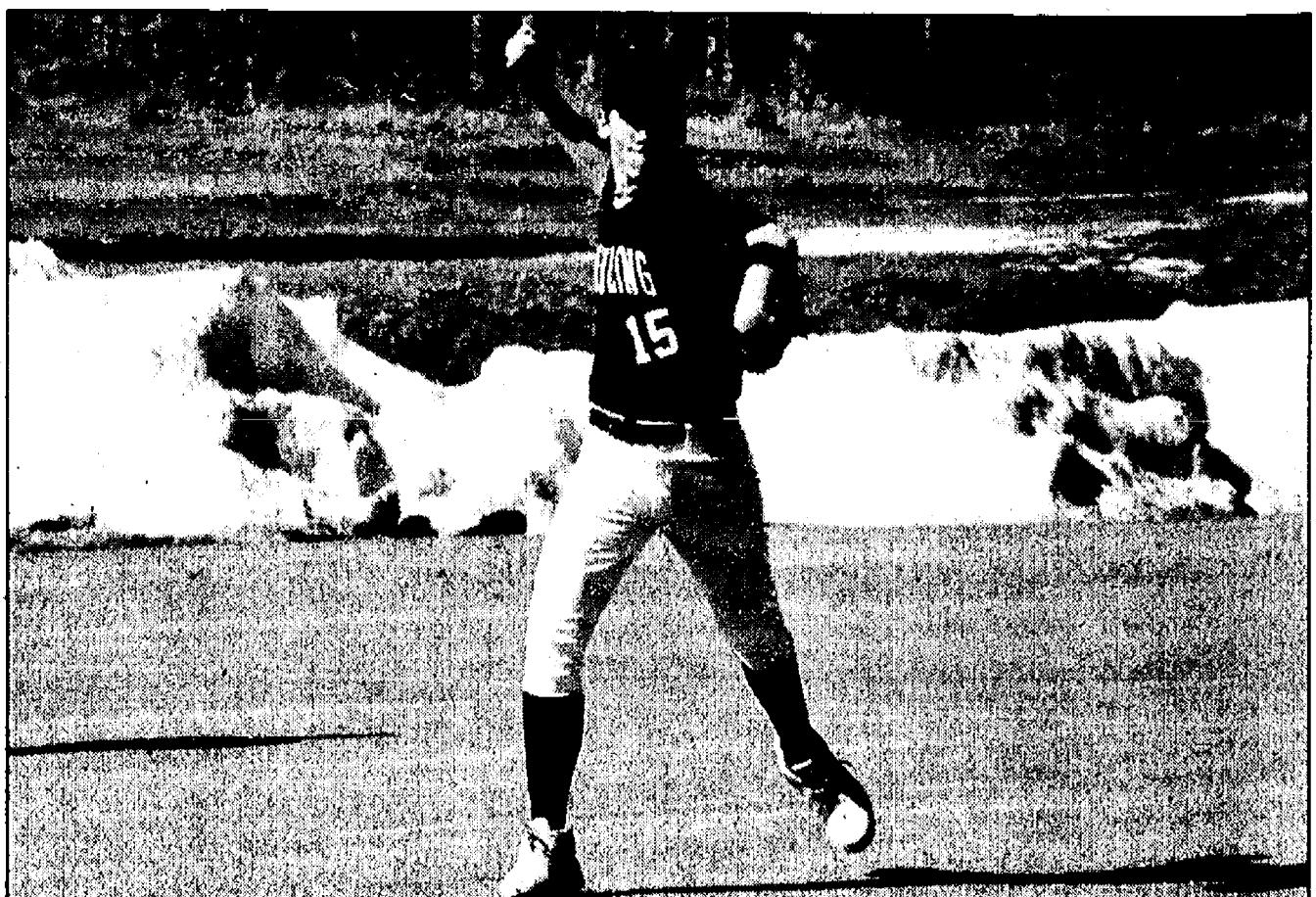
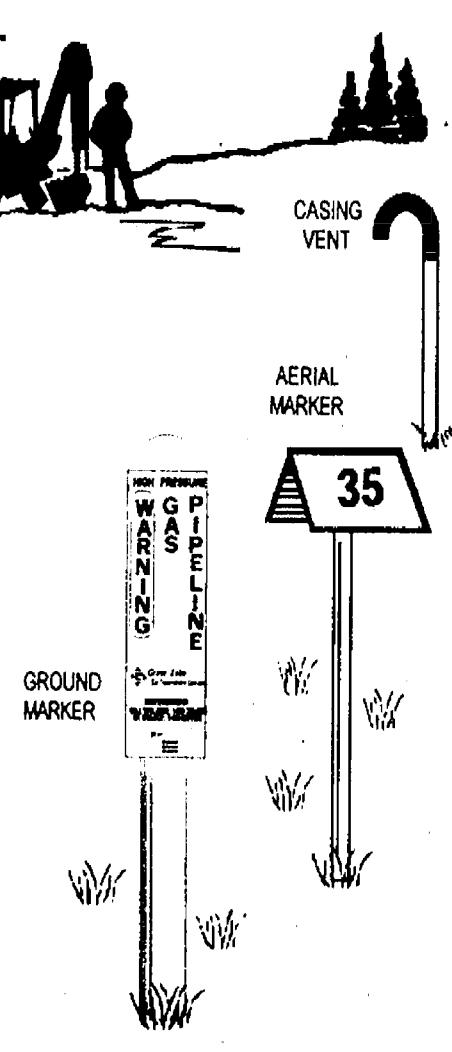
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Caleb Mead makes the throw from third to first during practice last week.

## GHS ALUMNI SPORTS NEWS

Brad Gorski, Glen Oaks  
Community College Baseball  
Gorski, a 2001 Grayling High

School graduate, batted 2 for 4 with two RBI in game one of a doubleheader vs. Kalamazoo Valley on April 11. Glen Oaks won both games - 8-5, 8-2.

On April 13, Gorski was 1 for

3 with one RBI (game one) and 2 for 4 with one RBI (game two) in a doubleheader vs. Lansing. Lansing won both matches.

Glen Oaks has a 15-11 overall record with an 8-5 league mark.

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# JV squad gets ready for '03 season



The GHS junior varsity baseball team, which plays its first games of the 2003 season this week, will be coached by Travis Huber (left, head coach) and Mike D'Amour (right, assistant coach). Next week, the Vikings have two away games and will host Elk Rapids on Thursday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m.



Meet the JV baseball players, starting with the squad's infielders: (L to R) Josh Hinkle, Jason Strohpaul, Billy Stewart, Bobby Starks, Eli VanNuck, Gibson Tobin.



The pitchers and catchers: Trevor Clough (C), Jason Strohpaul, Billy Stewart, Bobby Starks, Eli VanNuck, J.C. Schneider. Not pictured: Matt Swope (C).



Photos by Caleb Casey

The outfielders: Adam Gilbert, T.J. Luke, Russ Peters, Alex McNamara, James Haven, Zac Baker, J.C. Schneider.

## Men's basketball league announces award recipient



Tim Swope (center) of the Holiday Inn basketball team was the recipient of the 3rd annual "Finger Tip Roll" award for the 2003 men's league season. Swope is accompanied by Lewis Madill (left) and Phil Weiler (right), past winners of the award.

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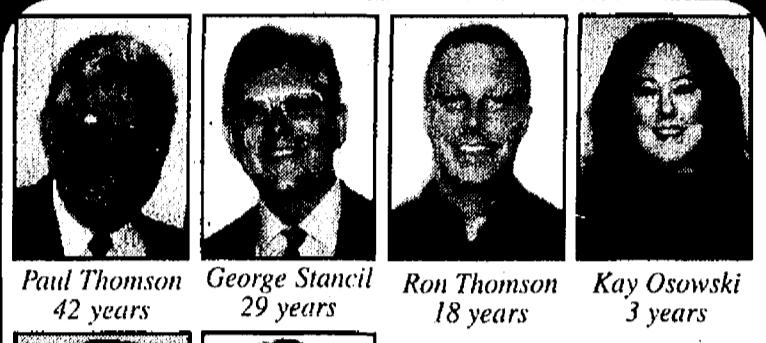


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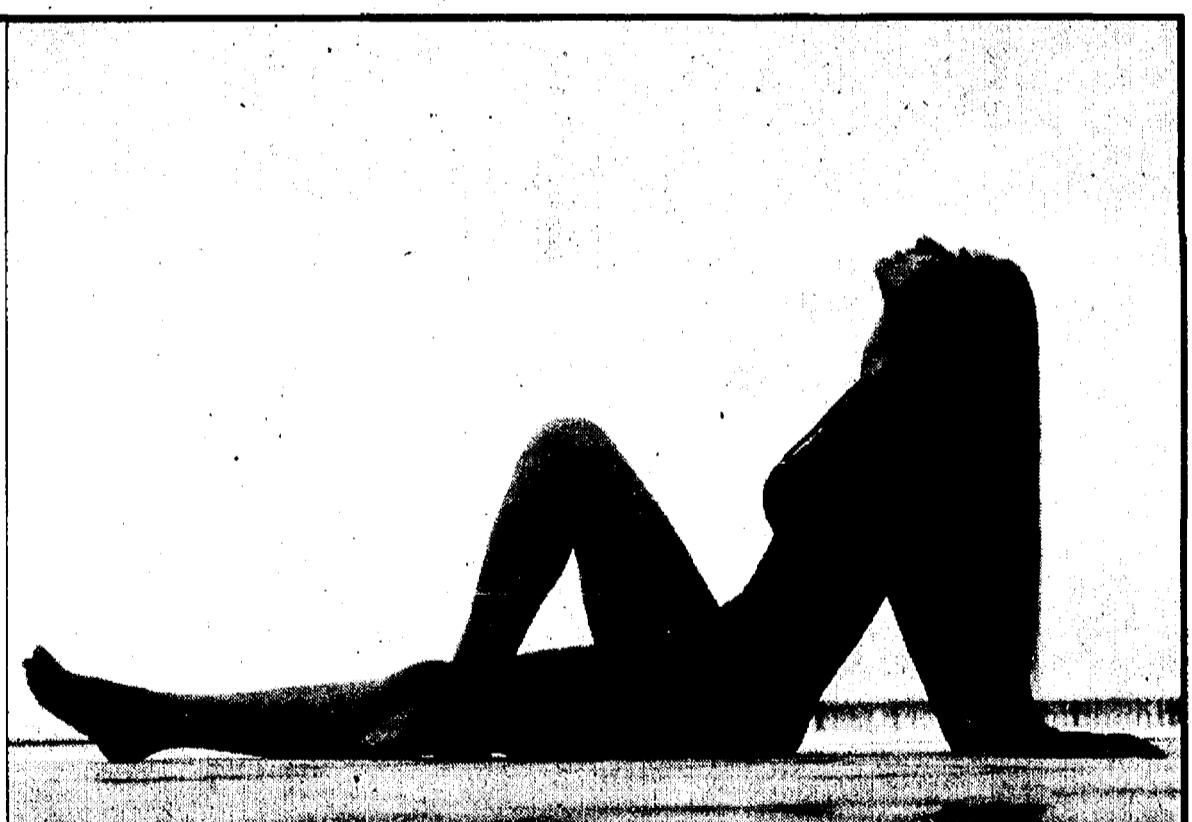
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# Vikings prepare for 2003 season



The GHS varsity baseball team's coaching staff: Head Coach Bob Gorski (left) and Assistant Coach John Schneider (right).



Varsity team infielders Joe Zelek (left) and Lee Schreiber (right).

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(\*No class Memorial Day, 5/26/03)

**SEGMENT II:** \$30, 6 Hours Lecture Defensive Driving, Teen Classes Meet: 3 Days  
May 1, 5, 7 TH, M, W 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
June 2, 4, 5 M, W, TH 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**LOCAL TEACHERS:** Darrin Hawes (Grayling HS), Larry Austin and Jim Shepler

## LEGAL ACTION

### ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS CONSTRUCTION TRADES

A sealed single lump sum bid for all work of all trades (except mechanical) will be received before 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12th, 2003 at the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District, Administration building at 11051 North Cut Road, Roscommon, Michigan for the following projects:

Education Center: provide a 90 s.f. work room within an existing classroom and provide an office area within the existing cafeteria, estimated project cost \$28,000.

Administration Building: interior remodeling consisting of new partitions, replace ceiling tile, new light fixtures, 2 new entrance doors, concrete porch replacement and new carpet throughout, estimated project cost \$60,000.

Construction documents will be distributed at a **mandatory project walk through** for electrical, plumbing and interested general contractors on Wednesday, April 30th, at 10:00 a.m. A \$5.00 deposit will be required per set of documents and will be refunded upon return of the drawings in good condition. Preliminary drawings will be available for review at the office of the Architect on Thursday, April 24th.

Thomas I. O'Brien Architect Inc.  
9029 North Cut Road  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989) 821-0404

C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted.

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald E. Ray and Gail S. Ray, husband and wife, of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor, to Pines Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on April 14, 1997 in Liber 428, on page 96, Crawford County Records, Michigan, which said mortgage was thereafter assigned to Norma E. Daugherty Revocable Living Trust by assignment dated April 8, 1997, and recorded on June 19, 1997 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Crawford in Liber 432 of Crawford County Records, on page 75, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$9,955.48 plus \$3.93 interest per day after 4/10/03.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage with the interest thereon at sixteen and 00/100 (16%) per cent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, will be fore-

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to County Building in City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Lovells, Parcel E-1: Commencing at the S 1/4 corner of Sec. 27, T 28 N, R 2W; thence S 87 degrees 58 minutes E 330.0 feet along Sec. line, thence N 0 degrees 40 minutes W 393.07 feet; thence N 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds E 526.34 feet along centerline of county road 612; thence N 53 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds E 1034.25 feet; along northerly line of railroad grade; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 658.82 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes W 330.0 feet; thence N 89 degrees 49 Minutes E 200.0 feet along center of county road, thence N 0 degrees 38 minutes E 330.0 feet; thence S 89 degrees 49 minutes W 200.0 feet to the point of beginning. Part of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 24 T 28 N, R 2 W, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Sidwell No. 20-013-024-013-020-06  
During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: March, 2003

Norma E. Daugherty

Revocable Trust, Mortgagor

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Attorney for Mortgagor  
Nedelman Pawlak, PLC  
32000 Northwest Highway, Ste. 240  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334  
(248) 855-8888  
File No. 1104.802

03-10-17-24

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky A. Kelly and Michael P. Kelly, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Fairbank Mortgage, Mortgagor, dated June 22, 1998, and recorded on August 18, 1998 in Liber 461 on Page 136 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagor to the ContiMortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated June 25, 1998, which was recorded on November 4, 1998, in Liber 467 on Page 125, Crawford County Records, on

which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventeen Thousand Eighteen and 27/100 dollars (\$17,018.27), including interest at

9.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 33 of AuSable Woods No. 3, a Subdivision of part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 21, and a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, according to the recorded plat thereof, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 3, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team R (248) 593-1305  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200231876  
Team R

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## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN Probate Court COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

File No. 03-6613-NC

In the matter of Melissa Lynn Boillard  
NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at 1:45 p.m. in the courtroom of Grayling, Michigan before Judge John G. Hunter to hear a Petition to Change Name from Melissa Lynn Boillard to Melissa Lynn Riley.

Date: April 9, 2003

Melissa Lynn Boillard

P.O. Box 184

Grayling, MI 49738

989/348-4055

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attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Parcel "P": The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Township of Maple Forest. Also a 1993 Fairmont Mobile Home, Serial #MY9488763.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

-17-24-01-08

hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety and 88/100 Dollars (\$184,190.88), including interest at 8.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on May 21, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Parcel B: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes East, along the North 1/8 line of said Section 24, 412.35 feet to the center line of Twin Bridge Road; thence South 25 degrees 38 minutes East, 645 feet to the place of beginning; thence North 64 degrees 22 minutes East, 353.95 feet to the right bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 34 minutes East, along said river bank, 100 feet; thence South 53 degrees 10 minutes West, 113.91 feet; thence South 64 degrees 22' minutes West, 305.18 feet; thence North 25 degrees 38 minutes West, 100 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West. Parcel C: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes East, along the North 1/8 line of said Section 24, 412.35 feet to the center line of Twin Bridge Road; thence South 25 degrees 38 minutes East, 745 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 64 degrees 22 minutes East, 305.18 feet; thence North 53 degrees 10 minutes East, 113.91 feet to the right bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River; thence South 86 degrees 58 minutes East, along said river bank, 100 feet; thence South 44 degrees West, 214.12 feet; thence South 64 degrees 22 minutes West, 303.88 feet; thence North 25 degrees 38 minutes West, 100 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the Registered Holders of the ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-NCI, assignment dated March 27, 2003 and received by and recorded in Crawford County Records on April 3, 2002, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date

Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One and 87/100 dollars (\$29,621.87), including interest at 8.700% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 20 feet of the Northwest 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Lot 5, Block 4, Martha Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team W (248) 593-1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
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File #200316954

-17-24-01-08

## Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Christopher R. Rollins and Aimee Lynn Rollins Rollins, aka Aimee Lynn Rollins, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated September 11, 2002 and recorded on October 1, 2002 in Liber 597 page 426, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$51,899.99.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13 per cent, foreclosure costs,

## PUBLIC HEARING

Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance Update  
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Lovells Township Hall

8405 Twin Bridge Road

A public hearing of the Lovells Township Zoning Board has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at the Lovells Township Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to accept comments on the proposed update to the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the draft ordinance, which is available for inspection by contacting the township supervisor or clerk at 989-348-9215. The township office hours are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. The draft ordinance will also be available for inspection at the library in the township hall. Library hours are the same as for the township offices plus noon - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Written comments may be addressed to Lovells Township Zoning Board, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 and should be received prior to the public hearing.

## USDA-FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT

On April 9, 2003, Mio District Ranger Michael J. Weber signed a decision to implement the Thrasher Project. This project is located in Township 26 North, Range 2 West, Sections 33 and 34 in Crawford County, Michigan. This decision includes the following actions: 1) harvest by clearcutting approximately 245 acres of jack pine, 2) construct approximately 1.0 miles of temporary roads to remove forest products, 3) reforest the clearcut areas to jack pine (approximately 242 acres) where natural regeneration does not occur to create Kirtland's warbler breeding habitat, 4) harvest approximately 11 acres of jack pine to establish fuel breaks adjacent to private property, 5) obliterate approximately 0.3 miles of two-track road (Forest Road 3108) not needed for public transportation or management purposes, 6) install a wooden "Huron National Forest" portal sign and a temporary informational sign along Chase Bridge Road.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.7 by those who provided comments on this specific project prior to the close of the 30-day comment period. A written Notice of Appeal must be submitted within 45 days of the date that notice of this decision is published in the Oscoda County Herald. However, when the 45-day filing period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the filing time is extended to the next Federal working day. The Notice of Appeal must be sent to:

USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Region  
ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer (RFO)  
310 West Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Appeals must meet content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Detailed records of the environmental analysis are available for public review at the Mio Ranger District, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647 or by phone at (989) 826-3252, TTY (989) 826-3592.

If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for 15 days following the date of appeal disposition.

File No. 200.0789

27-03-10-17-24

## Public Auction Sale

Under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described below has been seized for non-payment of internal revenue taxes due from RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT CO. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by Internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations, 04/22/2003, 11:00 AM, 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE., GRAYLING, MI 49738 (BASEMENT LEVEL).

Only the right, title and interest of RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT CO. in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold.

Real Property located in the State of Michigan, City of Grayling, County of Crawford, and further described as: The Southwesterly 40.0 feet of Lots 5 and 6, all of Lot 7, and the Northerly 50 feet of Lot 8, Block 8, of the Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 02 Crawford County Records.

Approximately 5,000 square feet block wall building, commercial zoning, lot size 110' X 180'.  
AKA: 102 Ottawa Street, Grayling, MI MINIMUM BID: \$63,032.07.

Property may be inspected at: DRIVE BY ONLY, 102 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan.

Full payment required on acceptance of highest bid.

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Bettye Myatt  
22600 Hall Rd., Ste. 102  
Clinton Township, MI 48036  
586-493-4555

-3-10-17

the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 11, 2003  
Bodman, Longley & Dahlberg LLP  
Amy J. Durant (P54777)  
Debt Collector for First National  
Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street  
P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

-20-27-03-10-17

## STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 00-5181-CK  
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
D. Jerome Slack, As Trustee  
of the D. Jerome Slack Trust  
U/A/D June 26, 1981, Plaintiff

v  
Paul W. Schroeder, Colleen  
Schroeder, jointly and severally, and  
Barnstormers, Inc., a Michigan corporation,  
d/b/a Red Barn, d/b/a  
Margretheville, Defendants,  
Thomas R. Alward (P31724)  
Brant, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
231-941-9660

### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

1. On August 16, 2002, the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure in this matter.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment of Foreclosure on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., at a public auction to be held in the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants, Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, in and to the real property described as follows:

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 12, T26N, R4W; thence S 89° 37' W along the South line of Section 12, 737.6 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence N 73° 15' W along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 451.8 feet to the intersection of the Northerly right-of-way of M-93 for Point of Beginning; thence S 58° 30' W along the Northerly right-of-way of M-93, 431.3 feet; thence N 0° 21' W, 336.5 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence S 73° 15' E along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 386.2 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

3. The sale of the Property shall be as a single parcel free and clear of all easements, liens, encumbrances and claims arising since August 9, 1999, the date that the Mortgage was recorded at the Crawford County Register of Deeds. The sale is subject to liens and other restrictions recorded before August 9, 1999 none of which are foreclosed by the Judgment of Foreclosure.

4. Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all equity of redemption, and claim of, in, and to the Mortgaged Property, if not redeemed within six months from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 10, 2003  
Thomas R. Alward, Esq. (P31724)

Brant, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817

Traverse City, MI 49696-5817

-20-27-03-10-17-24

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Grant, a single man (original mortgagor) to Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger and/or name change to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagor, dated September 11, 1997, and recorded on September 12, 1997 in Liber 437 on Page 582 in Crawford County Records,

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

The foreclosing mortgagee may rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 27, 2003  
Orlans Associates PC

Attorney for Fifth Third Mortgage-MI LLC, As Mortgagee

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

Case #2003-4A

Dave Goulette, petitioner

2623 Aromore

Royal Oak, MI 48073-3686

Property Code:

40-017-13-100-00

Location:

T26N, R2W; Sec. 17

2722 Sandy Trail

R-F Zone

A request to construct a 20' x 32' addition to the rear of an existing 700 sq. ft. structure, bringing the sq. footage up to 1,340 sq. ft.

Case #2002-3

# FACTS AND FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**April 17, 1980**

Termed a "tentative preliminary budget," figures unveiled for the 1980-81 school budget were predicted on the basis that no millage increase will be sought for next year. Operating expenditures of \$3,686,683 were expected to match anticipated revenues in the same amount.

Mt. Hope Lutheran's new church, now undergoing final touches for a May 18 Dedication Service, will contain one of the most unusual altars found in any house of worship anywhere.

The base of the altar is fashioned from fieldstones gathered from the Grayling area and the top was curved and formed from an oak tree estimated to be in the neighborhood of 200 years old.

Mrs. Bergenia Love of Grayling received a Certificate of Appreciation from Recruiter Sgt. Donald Rhymer of Gaylord. Her son, Dennis, was inducted into the Army, following in the footsteps of four other Love brothers.

On April 25, the Ms. Senior Citizen Beauty Pageant will be held. The beautiful ladies participating are: Fran Olson, Ann Buron, Mildred Seltzoff, Lillian Smith, Treva Engel, Blanche Rushton and Lucille Hoffman.

Lillian Wolf has become a director of the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, and as such, is establishing a chapter in Grayling. Kary Moshier, Kathy Lovely and Mildred Johnson attended the first business meeting of the new chapter.

Mac Distributing Company officials and local dignitaries gathered Saturday for the official ribbon cutting ceremonies at the company's newly-opened operation in the Grayling Industrial Park.

Former Grayling High School football standout, Will Roach, welcomes Billy Lucksted, a Grayling High School senior, to Grand Valley State College. Lucksted, who made all-conference and honorable mention All-State this past season, has signed a football grant to Grand Valley State. He plans on playing wide receiver there.

Sixteen radar detectors or "fuzz busters" have been confiscated by the sheriff's deputies, in a crackdown on speeders and others in possession of the devices which are prohibited by state law.

Thomas E. Kent, Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney, will resign his post in May to accept a position out of the Grayling area.

### 46 Years Ago

**April 18, 1957**

A sand slide last Thursday afternoon where workmen were digging a basement for the new Dawson store, caused a portion of the rear wall of the Davis Jewelry store to collapse into the excavation with extensive damage. Luckily no one was injured in the mishap.

The scheduled track meet between Grayling and Houghton Lake at Houghton Lake was postponed because the track is still

covered by ice and snow. Cold and stormy spring weather has hurt the Grayling track team as their outdoor training time has been nil.

The trout contest sponsored by the Grayling Sportsmen's Club and the Sophomore Class of Grayling High will offer 23 prizes. The contest is split into three divisions and the fish will be judged on weight alone.

The Grayling Glee Club was given a high rating at the Michigan State Vocal Glee Club Festival held in Grayling last Thursday.

Free "Heart of the Home" classes in work-simplification techniques, to teach Crawford County homemakers to do their daily housework simpler and easier with less strain on their hearts will be offered in Grayling on May 2.

The Fourth Annual Grayling Trade Show sponsored by the Woman's Club was termed highly successful as over 2,000 people attended the event.

More than 50 Grayling merchants displaying everything from automobiles and trucks down to items as small as trout flies filled the gymnasium.

Student Council day at Grayling High School was April 4, with registration of 34 student council members from Boyne City, East Jordan, Gaylord, Charlevoix and Pellston attending. Students discussed many topics of interest to their schools and communities.

### 69 Years Ago

**April 19, 1934**

The Board of Supervisors of Crawford County has made arrangements for the services of a

County Agricultural Agent who will work in Crawford, Otsego and Montmorency counties.

The High School dance sponsored by the Hi-Y Club was a great success. The big feature of the night was a grand march led by Bob LaMotte which left everyone breathless and flushed.

Spike's Beer Garden is featuring Estelle Calloway, sister of Cab Calloway and her 14 piece band. The orchestra is making its first appearance into Northern Michigan, and it is the first of its kind to come to this part of Michigan with the best artists and stars from Radio Land.

Sam Smith is enjoying his broadcasting apparatus. There are about 40,000 broadcasting plants similar to his on the air and frequently he contacts stations in remote parts of the country. Sam's broadcasting set is homemade, but seems to be able to reach a broad field.

### 92 Years Ago

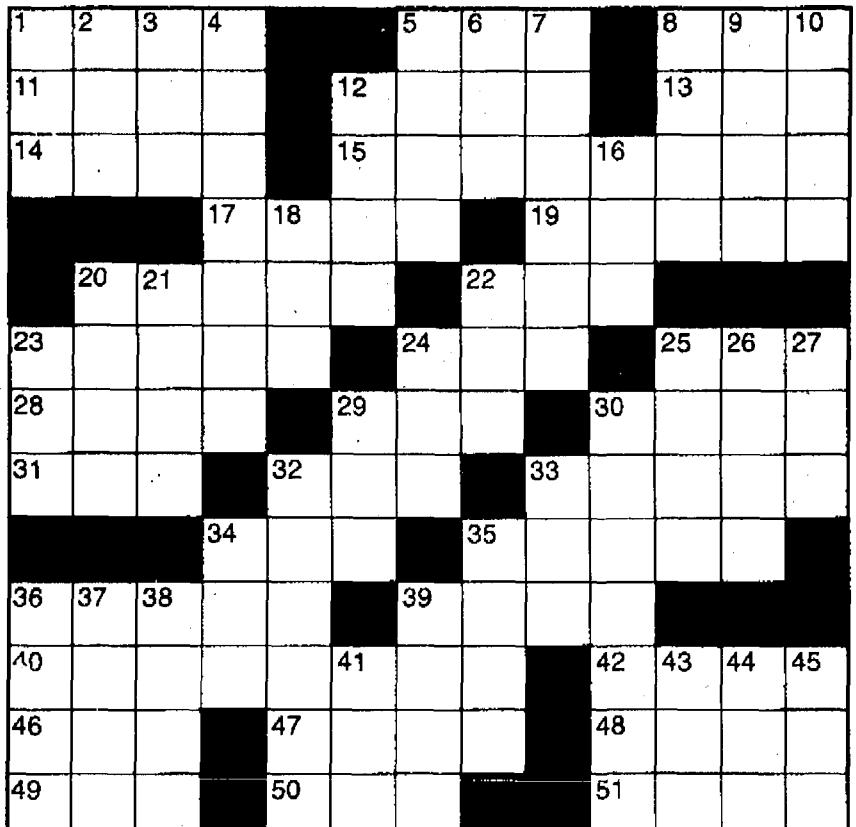
**April 20, 1911**

Highway Commissioner Peck started teams on repair work last Monday evening and Street Commissioner Nelson will soon have the village streets as clean as silk.

Snow squalls gave us three inches of "beautiful snow" Saturday, and during the night the mercury fell to 18 degrees. Sunday was fair, but too cold for comfort in light Easter gowns.

The Board of Supervisors have been in session this week, adjourning yesterday. Supervisor Hanna of Beaver Creek was elected chairman.

# CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1. Hound's hanger-on
- 5. Oriental sash
- 8. Vehicle in X-Files: *Fight The Future*
- 11. Shrike
- 12. "Faster \_\_\_\_ a speeding bullet..."
- 13. Dainty drink
- 14. "Or \_\_\_\_ at long last love?" (2 wds.)
- 15. Balm
- 17. Therefore: Lat.
- 19. General helpers
- 20. Sam's barmaid
- 22. Nipper's co.
- 23. Movie shots
- 24. Large tank
- 25. Paw Clappett
- 28. Surprise attack
- 29. Actor Neill
- 30. Immortal
- 31. Massachusetts cape
- 32. "Top \_\_\_\_"
- 33. Christie of "Darling"
- 34. New York's Tappan \_\_\_\_ Bridge
- 35. Isolated hill
- 36. Cap bill
- 39. Utah's state flower
- 40. Footstools
- 42. LeBlanc or Dillon
- 46. "Ode \_\_\_\_ Nightingale" (2 wds.)
- 47. Minor Prophet
- 48. Amaryllis plant
- 49. Chang's closest relative
- 50. Arrest
- 51. Submissive

### DOWN

- 1. Know-it-all's memo init.
- 2. \_\_\_\_ Adieu (Beethoven)
- 3. George Bush, e.g.
- 4. Modified
- 5. The Buckeye State
- 6. Interdiction
- 7. Unbroken
- 8. Exploited
- 9. A-OK
- 10. Makes a choice
- 12. *Animal House* costume
- 16. One of Frank's exes
- 18. Literary monogram
- 20. *The Godfather* actor
- 21. Of the same stock
- 22. Butt
- 23. \_\_\_\_-la-la
- 24. Mayflower vehicle
- 25. Cast aside
- 26. Southernmost Great Lake
- 27. Anil, e.g.
- 29. Dion's "Runaround" girl
- 30. Self-service restaurant
- 32. \_\_\_\_ measles
- 33. Moonshiner's container
- 34. Place for a gun
- 35. Elizabeth's nickname
- 36. Go to the polls
- 37. "Blame \_\_\_\_ The Bossa Nova" (2 wds.)
- 38. Doe's mate
- 39. One with a select guest list
- 41. Sawbones' org.
- 43. Pie \_\_\_\_ mode
- 44. Author Wolfe
- 45. Item in Tiger Woods' pocket

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Sassy Blackeyed Salsa

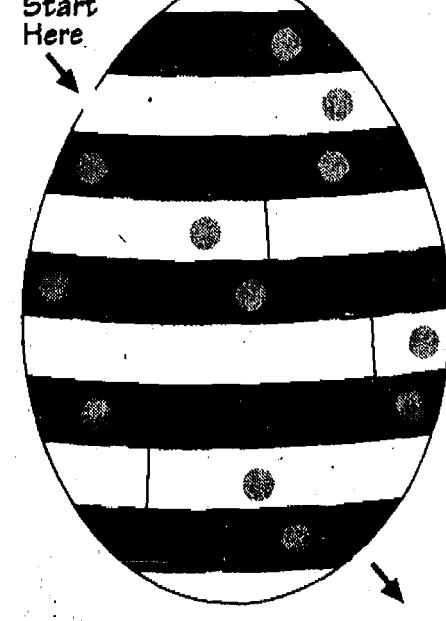
1 (16 oz.) bag frozen blackeyed peas, thawed  
1 (15 1/4 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained  
2/3 cup diced red bell pepper  
2/3 cup diced red onion  
2 tablespoons seeded and minced jalapeno pepper  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
3 tablespoons lime juice  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
1 tablespoon minced garlic  
2 packets NatraTaste® sugar substitute •

1 teaspoon ground cumin  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Fresh cilantro sprigs, optional

In large bowl, combine first 5 ingredients; set aside. In small bowl, combine cilantro, lime juice, vinegar, garlic; NatraTaste and cumin; mix well. Pour cilantro mixture over blackeyed pea mixture; toss to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or overnight. Garnish with fresh cilantro, if desired. Serve with baked tortilla chips or as side dish. Makes 8 servings.

### MAZE

Start Here.

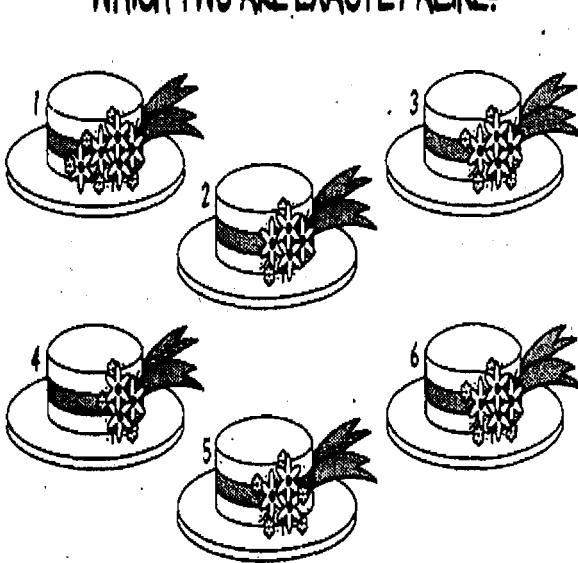


### DID YOU KNOW

Twenty-four-karat gold contains a small amount of copper.

### FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



### Adopt a Pet



Tony is a great little guy. He is a Terrier mix about 2 years old. He is neutered, has all of his vaccinations, and has been heartworm tested. He is housebroken and seems to be all right with children and other animals. He just needs someone to take him home and love him. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter was especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, and Wild Animal-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
**Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall**

**Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am**  
**After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117**

### Horoscopes

For the Week of April 17, 2003



It's amazing how much you have accomplished this week. Treat yourself to something special, like dinner at one of your favorite restaurants or a piece of jewelry you have been admiring.



It's time to get moving on a home improvement project. You have the extra money and hands needed to complete the project, so get busy.



An argument erupts between two of your neighbors. Do your best to keep the situation under control and all will turn out well.



You are more popular than you realize. Your coworkers not only value your input, but are fighting over your ideas.



You made a mistake and it's time to confess. Speaking up now will prevent further heartache. Don't forget to return an important phone call.



A young friend has received excellent news. Go ahead and make a fuss. They deserve it. A deadline at work is drawing near. Buckle down and get busy!



Don't let a business associate's observation shatter your confidence. Your performance is usually up to par, but lately you've been distracted by a situation at home. Vow to do better and move on.



The project you've been working on for several weeks is finally finished, and it's time to have some fun. Go to a game, see a movie or take a walk in the park.



An elderly friend is acting out of character. Find out what is going on and do what you can to help. Your budget needs some attention.



Because of your attention to detail and your superb organizational skills, you may be asked to take over a project at work. Go for it!



Patience and understanding are two of your best qualities, and you will need both this week as you cope with a family dilemma. Remember that young people often need extra guidance.



Your financial outlook has vastly improved. Go out to dinner and celebrate. An acquaintance has something important to ask you to do.

### WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

#### Last Week

#### Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Date	H	L	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
4/8	39	13						
4/9	50	13						
4/10	61	21						
4/11	63	27						
4/12	58	20						
4/13	60	21	High 44 Low 23	High 36 Low 27	High 49 Low 29	High 51 Low 32	High 54 Low 31	High 51 Low 33
4/14	79	42	PM Rain / Snow	Rain / Snow	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Showers	Showers





**3. Employment**

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR** Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for a full-time Technical Director. Responsibilities include all sound, light, set construction and production needs for Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts, Kirtland Youth Theatre, Kirtland Theatre Arts Department, and campus events. Full job description and salary range available on web at [www.kirtland.edu/jobs-posts](http://www.kirtland.edu/jobs-posts). Application deadline is May 30, 2003. Send cover letter, resume, and three reference letters to Director of Human Resources, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan. Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. (-17/3)

**3. Employment**

**NATIONAL COSTUME JEWELLERY CO.** is seeking individual to handle service calls in local retail stores. This is a part time position. Please call 1-888-647-3626. (-10-17-24/3)

**3. Employment**

**VACUUM TRUCK OPERATOR** Experienced vacuum truck operator with CDL is needed for environmental contracting firm. Minimum of CLD-BN endorsement. Good people skills and good driving record required, we can offer you a full time position with competitive benefits. Please apply at Northern A-1 Services, 2305 N. US 131, Kalkaska, Michigan or fax resume to (231) 258-9971 or e-mail to [ginap@usliquids.com](mailto:ginap@usliquids.com) (-17-24/3)

**KING NURSING CENTRE** Taking applications for Clinical Coordinator. Full time position. Requirements are: Computer knowledge necessary, Registered Nurse, Long term care experience preferred, MDS experience preferred. Benefit package, comparable salary. Call (989) 422-5153, or fax resume to (989) 422-6127, or stop in at 2280 Towerhill Road, Houghton Lake. Come be a part of a great team! (4/10/03tf/3)

**LABORER** Entry level position available with environmental contracting firm. Heavy physical work with variable hours and out of town travel. You must have a good driving record, self starter with good people skills. Please apply at Northern A-1 Services, 2305 N. US 131, Kalkaska, Michigan. E.O.E. (-17-24/3)

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**5. For Sale**

**USED BINGO TABLES** 96" x 36" Ideal for family gatherings and garage sales. \$25 American Legion Post 106. (-17/5)

**TWO HORSES FOR SALE** King: Quarterhorse Gelding Chestnut, nine years, good spirit, nice temperament. \$1,500 Or Best Offer Blizzard: Thoroughbred Gelding, Grey, Dapple, 12 years, handles well. \$1,400 Or Best Offer Both up to date on vaccinations and dewormer. Used as trail horses. (989) 348-5491 (-10-17-24-1/5)

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**6. Wanted**

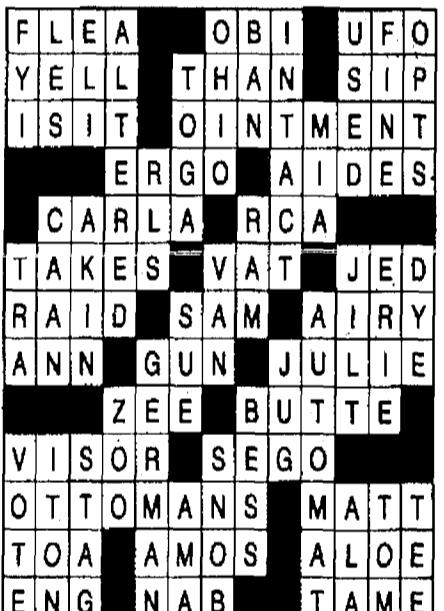
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**7. Miscellaneous**

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**4 X 8** Lighted Signs and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02tf/7)

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**GRAY ROCK CAFE** Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (989) 348-5181 (3/13/03ff/8)

**ATTENTION:** Grayling Country Club. Tuesday and Wednesday Men's League Players. There will be a meeting April 26 at 4:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Please be there for all the information for the 2003 season. (-17/8)

**THE OLE BARN** M-72 West serving Fish dinners on Friday of Cod, Salmon, Walleye and Frog Legs with salad bar. Take out available. (989) 348-8999. (-17/8)

**RIB NIGHT** is back at The Ole Barn on Thursdays. Full and half slabs served with our salad bar. (-17/8)

**KAROKE EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT** at the Ole Barn on M-72 West. "Grayling's Idol" Contest begins 04/17/03. Come out & sing, and enjoy the talent. Drink specials. (-17/8)

**ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY NIGHT** at The Ole Barn M-72 West. Serving our great Steak dinners. (-17/8)

**GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon** live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday bands playing. April 16 - April 19 Risque, April 23 - April 26 Risque, April 30 - May 3 Live entertainment. Happy Hour is back! 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts, \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz., \$.5. (-17-24-1/8)

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#### 11. Automotive

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Scheer Motors, an established name in the ALTERNATIVE FINANCE business for over five years has a PLAN for you. Don't pre-judge your credit, if you take home \$1,200 or more a month and have been on the job 6 months or longer, we can help you obtain a loan. Simply fill out this AUTO LOAN FORM and mail, fax, or bring it into Scheer and we will assist you in purchasing a new or used vehicle from our inventory.

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How long at this address \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security# \_\_\_\_\_ Time on Job \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Trade \_\_\_\_\_

Down Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Income \_\_\_\_\_

\*Does not apply to new vehicle employee sales or conventional financing. Alternative financing only. You are authorized to investigate my credit and employment history and to receive information about my credit worthiness. One trade-in per vehicle sale. No result or salvage titles on trades.

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